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Wind farm opponents file appeal to State Supreme Court

By ALISON ALOISIO

Opponents of the Spruce Mountain wind project in Woodstock last week filed an appeal with the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, leaving an offer from the developer to donate money to the town's elementary school in limbo.

Attorney Rufus Brown, representing Friends of Spruce Mountain and other aggrieved parties, petitioned the court on March 9, according to Denise Hall, FOSM vice president.

Last fall the Maine Department of Environmental Protection approved a permit for Patriot Renewables LLC of Quincy, Mass. to build 10 wind turbines. The Woodstock Planning Board had also approved the project.

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Asphalt plant may go to vote next week

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Unless its members and the applicant agree more time is needed, the Bethel Planning Board is expected to decide next Wednesday whether or not to approve a controversial site plan application for the relocation of a North Road asphalt plant.

Owner Bruce Manzer submitted the application on Oct. 27 of last year, asking permission to move the plant a short distance across the road from the site, in the Douglass gravel pit, where it had operated for three years. (The plant, which is portable, is currently disassembled and in storage.)

The planners have a 120-day window for reaching a decision.

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75th Anniversary of Bethel area's 'Flood of Record'



From the March 19, 1936 Bethel Citizen (which came out that Friday):

"Canadian National Tracks East of Bethel Station Thursday, March 19, when flood reached highest point. These tracks were not covered in Nov. 1927, the previous highest known flood. Photo by Goddard"

"Bethel Station" as referred to in the 1936 caption was the former Grand Trunk Railway Station, located across Railroad Street from the site of the current Big Apple (and torn down in 1968). The view to the east would be toward Locke Mills (not toward the Androscoggin in its normal channel, to the north). For a view of these same tracks a little down the line in Locke Mills, see Page 4.

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Seventy-five years ago a mid-March deluge of more than seven inches of rain in a two-day period, combined with the melting of a snowpack nearly twice the average depth for this time of year, triggered flooding that devastated much of New England.

The rain continued on and off for two weeks, and for many locales, including the Bethel area, the Flood of 1936 remains the "Flood of Record."

A "cloudburst" flood nine years earlier caused more property damage here, according to historian Don Bennett, including the destruction of Bethel's covered bridge.

But the 1936 flooding was even deeper, and caused extensive damage of its own here, as well as severe disruption of ordinary life.

(And downstream towns and cities throughout New England fared far worse. Between 150 and 200 deaths, and \$100 million in damage was attributed to the fortnight of flooding.)

The Bethel Citizen of 1936 chronicled events here as follows:

Thursday, March 19

This week's issue is delayed several hours on account of the storm and lack of power Thursday afternoon, so it will reach many readers a day or more late.

After some 24 hours of warm steady rain it became impossible Thursday afternoon to travel far from Bethel in any direction. Before noon roads were

covered by several inches of water in many places so that traffic was much impeded. By six o'clock Route 26 at Alder River bridge was impassable and several hours before that time the road was blocked between Bryant Pond and Trap Corner. The water rose rapidly at Pleasant River bridge and Hazen Lowell and family were obliged to leave their home there.

It was reported Thursday afternoon that the center of the Bear River bridge at Newry Corner has dropped about a foot and a half. The star mail route (Lewiston-Bethel) came as far as West Paris on schedule Thursday night. A bridge washout prevented its reaching Bryant Pond and Locke Mills until this morning.

At the height early this Friday morning it was about three feet below the record November 1927 level.

The storm and flood conditions prevail throughout the Eastern States trains being delayed, travelers marooned, and homes abandoned in many sections.

With flood damage in the State estimated at ten million dollars the first of the week, following that week's freshets which covered the country as far south as West Virginia, steady rain came again and high water returned, reaching levels from three to five feet above the 1927 flood.

Wednesday forenoon an ice jam threatened the railroad tracks and mill at Skillington although

it was not until the next day that the water and ice went over the tracks there. The west bound express train could not reach Gorham Wednesday forenoon on account of ice on the rails above the power house at the lead mine bridge. The passengers were taken to the Mt. Madison House at Gorham and the train returned to Portland in the afternoon. The east bound afternoon train was held at Berlin as there were washouts west of Gorham station. The Portland-Gorham way freight was at Bethel from Wednesday to Friday afternoon. Water covered the rails both sides of Bethel station Thursday and the road bed was washed out some.

Families were taken from their homes at Skillington and other places by boat Thursday, and others left for higher ground Wednesday. The damage from water will be heavy in these houses as well as in roads, bridges, telephone and electric light lines.

It is said that the steel bridge over the Androscoggin was moved downstream an inch and a half Thursday when the water rose to the floor of the bridge. The telephone and power lines at the bridge were destroyed. The road at the Mayville end of the bridge was washed away to a depth of five feet and the new macadam road at Alder River bridge was badly torn up.

A washout of 30 feet or more in the railroad took place Thursday morning at the rear of the Locke

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Telstar grad makes 'SPLASH' at BC

By ALISON ALOISIO

As the co-director of a Boston College program that will bring hundreds of high school students to campus March 27 to experience "a day in the life of a college student," Telstar grad Lisa Piccirillo hopes her home school will be well represented.

Piccirillo, a sophomore math major at BC, is the driving force behind "SPLASH," which offers a day of free classes, taught by undergraduates, on a wide variety of topics. A sampling: fencing; hip-hop dancing; the sociology of the TV show "Glee;" politics in Cuba, including a live interview with a reporter there; and visualizing electricity and magnetism.

She returned to THS last week for a presentation about SPLASH. Sixteen students have expressed interest in



Lisa Piccirillo participating, she said. SPLASH (not an acronym) began in the 1970s at the nearby Massachusetts of Technology.

Piccirillo was inspired last year to start the program at

her campus after reporting for her college newspaper on the MIT program.

"There were so many [high school] students," she said. "They came on a Saturday, on a rainy day."

The idea appealed to her personally. "I would have loved to have done that as a high school student," she said.

Students paid for the MIT experience. Piccirillo returned to BC with a vision to offer a free program there.

"I wanted it to be accessible to everyone, no matter what their financial situation," she said.

With the help of three friends, Piccirillo persuaded the undergraduate student government to sponsor an inaugural program last fall.

They e-mailed BC students to

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Report: More time needed to judge 'chop and drop'

By ALISON ALOISIO

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of a recently-completed, three-year project to restore brook trout habitat in Sunday River tributaries, a long-term view is needed, according to a final report on the effort.

The initial effect of "chop and drop" (felling trees into the tributaries) was found to be disruptive to the fish, according to a report by Jeff Stern of Fiddlehead Environmental Consulting. But the trout population has since recovered.

Trees were "chopped" and "dropped" along the streams over a distance amounting to two miles. The trees fall into the water and across the

stream, where they collect leaf litter, increase the depth of pools and trap sediment to create sand bars, contributing to better trout habitat.

The process is intended to mimic conditions that existed before logging, the clearing of land, agriculture and road construction created streams with fewer trees along the banks. It is also designed to minimize erosion and moderate water flows.

Stern said after the trees were placed, the streams were monitored for water levels, pebbles were counted, and brook trout, aquatic insects and amphibian populations were monitored.

For comparison, another

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Letters

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To the Editor:

As a candidate for Gilead selectman, I am strongly opposed to negative campaigning. Anyone who assists in my campaign is not to speak or write anything that would be in bad taste against anyone who may campaign against me. They are being told of the U.S. postal laws regarding mailboxes.

Also, I have informed the postal services that my campaign will observe the laws concerning the use of U.S. Mail with mailboxes. I have heard in other cities where people do this to get the opposing candidate in violation of the law.

In the last two town elections, certain people went knocking on doors who were backing a particular candidate and viciously verbally attacked their friend's opponent.

This type of behavior is not acceptable – nor proper.

In closing, my campaign will be a clean campaign.

I will represent all residents of Gilead with the respect they deserve.

Joseph A. Boudreau
West Bethel

CHAMBER AWARDS

To the Editor:

For the last 41 years, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has held an annual awards event to recognize community and business excellence. We look to the members of our communities to nominate those who they consider outstanding in their respective fields and deserving of recognition. Nominations must be submitted by April 1 and can either be sent to the chamber at P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217, delivered to our office, or e-mailed to info@bethelmaine.com.

The chamber has added many new categories since the "original three" – which were Business of the Year, the Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, and the Lifetime Achievement Award (formerly called the Senior Citizen Award.) We continue to provide recognition in these categories but have added the following awards: Bethel Area Non-Profit Leadership Award, Forest Products Industry Award, Public Service Award (typically goes to someone working in municipal governments or committees,) Rising Star Entrepreneur Award, Rocky Freda Memorial Award, and four Employee of the Year awards: Ski Industry, Service and Retail, Education and Hospitality (these should be nominated by their respective employers.) We also present three awards to high school seniors who are chosen by the staff of Telstar High School.

The Awards Dinner and Celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 6, to be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort. The chamber is accepting reservations by calling 824-2282. A complete delicious buffet dinner with all the festivities is \$39 per person and \$325 for a sponsored table of eight.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this event, and information on the benefits of this can be obtained by contacting the chamber. We are also seeking donations for our Silent Auction – which has been a terrific addition to the event. Please call us.

Many thanks for taking the time to nominate those who are outstanding in our communities and work places.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director

SECOND NONPROFITS FORUM

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative is proud to announce that we are planning a second annual community forum for April 15 at the Bethel Inn. This year's theme is "Bridging our Community and Youth Voices: Celebrating our Success and Looking to the Future." It has been a banner year for BANC; the hard work we've put into learning to collaborate has strengthened our organizations and the community as a whole through projects borne from last year's forum, and this work resulted in BANC receiving a prestigious grant from the Environmental Funders Network to continue our progress.

We are inviting students from both Telstar and Gould to join nonprofit representatives in a free-flowing, day-long conversation about how we can work together to enhance the Bethel area's quality of place. Registration is free and lunch is provided, but space is limited, so we ask that each organization only register one staff member or active volunteer.

If your organization is interested in joining us for an inspiring day, please e-mail me at jsp@bethelmainenonprofits.org with your name, organization(s), e-mail address, and phone number. I can also be reached at 754-8158.

I am looking forward to meeting lots of community-oriented folks, and can't wait to see what comes out of this meeting!

Jessie Seymour Perkins
Network Facilitator, Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative

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REMEMBERING WYN HASKELL

To the Editor:

It was with a little curiosity that I opened the letter from the Bethel Lodge. The Lodge serves as one of the threads connecting me to my home town and its people. The first thing I saw was the name of a Brother, Wyn Haskell. I knew the rest without reading it, Wyn had lost his grip on this life. My tears were immediate. Wyn had always extended kindness to me and in an exchange of notes over the last few years he had shown a genuine interest in my life.

My first deep impression of Wyn came in the spring of 1974 when I was a groomer at Sunday River Skiway. Wyn was an avid skier, had raised his family to be skiers as well and he wore the "rusty" parka of the National Ski Patrol. I was standing in the base lodge at Sunday River after a long night of grinding frozen granular and ice patches into a smooth coat of, dare I say, ice crystals? Wyn came in after helping to open the hill and was beaming. He strode over to me, put his hand on my shoulder and said in a booming statement, "That's the best Punch (Sunday Punch) has been all year!" I couldn't believe it! Wyn's enthusiasm prompted me to go over to the Sunri Ski Shop and rent skis so that I could see for myself. My run was a disaster, not being a skier I couldn't fully appreciate the difference between Sunday Punch before and after. Dick Bryant wouldn't take any money for the rental, I hadn't been out that long. Wyn's confidence and enthusiasm swept up all in its path.

Several times, over his skiing years, Wyn would look me up and we would chat about the ski hill and its development. He shared his insights freely, he helped me mature. Wyn always worked when he volunteered. On the ski hill he would have a shovel, a saw, a piece of bamboo – some tool or equipment to fix one more thing that he had seen.

I will miss Wyn's infectious spirit and genuine kindness. I am hopeful that he and Judy are laughing somewhere, skis on, in powder up to their knees.

With my deepest gratitude,

Burt Mills
Gallatin Gateway, Mont.

PLANNERS DECISION WILL AFFECT US ALL

To the Editor:

In the next couple of weeks, the Planning Board will make one of the most important decisions it has ever made. The decision as to whether or not to permit the development of a hot asphalt plant in the Town of Bethel will affect all of us.

A decision to approve the plant would be catastrophic to our use and enjoyment of our nearby homes and businesses, as well as to our town's natural resources and marketability.

On the other hand, a decision to deny the plant would be based on due process and sound planning principals. Chapter 140 (Site Plan Review) of the town's Ordinances provides the Planning Board with the legal basis on which to deny the petition.

Chapter 140 provides that the purposes of the Chapter are to:

A. Protect property rights and values by balancing the rights of landowners to use their land with the corresponding rights of abutting and neighboring landowners to enjoy their property.

The Seller of the subject property has many other uses for his land. He has already site planned a portion of his property for single family use, which in and of itself is completely inconsistent with the proposed adjacent use as a hot asphalt plant. Neighbors should not be forced to live with the odors and other nuisances created by the plant. Our rights and interests to enjoy our homes and properties free from such a nuisance, far outweigh any right that the landowner might have to sell a portion of his land for use as a hot asphalt plant.

B. Promote the development of an economically sound and stable community.

A hot asphalt plant in this area, which is surrounded by single family homes and compatible businesses, is a nuisance and not only does not encourage sound economic development of our town. It would be devastating to our economic development. No one wants to live, work or play near a hot asphalt plant.

C. Integrate new development harmoniously and safely into the existing environment.

A hot asphalt plant cannot exist harmoniously and safely in our environment which includes a nearby deer yard. This type of development is inconsistent with environmental mandates for clean and odor free air and water. The risk of environmental contamination from such a plant is far too great.

D. Minimize adverse and irreversible impact on natural resources.

There is no way to minimize the adverse and irreversible impact that a hot asphalt plant would have on our natural resources. Mr. Manzer cannot guarantee that the plant will be safe to our environment. There is not enough money, monitoring or safeguards available to ensure the safety and compliance of such a facility. Once damage to our natural resources occurs, such as ground water contamination, you cannot look back. It is irreversible and catastrophic.

Chapter 140-B.1 further provides that if the Planning Board determines that the applicant is not able "to meet reasonably one or more of the performance standards," that the Planning Board must deny the petition.

There are 26 performance standards. "Odors" is 25. If the project will "produce offensive or harmful odors perceptible beyond the lot lines, either at ground level or habitable elevation," then according to the town's code, the plan must be denied.

The Town has already heard from dozens of neighbors who have testified that when the plant was in operation it did smell. On that basis alone, there is sufficient evidence to deny this application.

Of the remaining 25 standards, there may be others that the petitioner fails to satisfy as well.

We have lived in the Bethel area for approximately 20 years. We love Bethel. Our beautiful town is no place for a hot asphalt plant.

The town's Planning Board has heard the testimony of numerous residents and business owners. The fumes, dust and odors from a hot asphalt plant did and would again adversely impact our use and enjoyment of our home and neighborhood. We ask the Planning Board to deny the request for the hot asphalt plant on the North Road.

Sherry L. Hyman
West Palm Beach, Fla. and Bethel

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment Nine

The First Year: Settling In

"I would admire to do that for you," he answered, "but where were you planning to put it?"

"In the north room," said Miss Fan. "There's an old oak table that isn't much. If you moved that, I could put the bookcase in there."

"And where shall I put the oak table?" said B.B.

"Well," said Miss Fan, "you seem to have a lot of tables. If you don't want it, I could use it on my porch to put plants on."

"It's yours," said B.B. "And I'll move it out with your portieres now before I forget it."

She rushed me through the dishes, scorned taking a rest on the porch, and started moving books. Elizabeth and her husband, Roy, came. We women went topside to look at beds, and heard music. Roy, a musician, had discovered the piano, and was playing and singing. Elizabeth chose a single bed for Sandy. "You're lucky," she said, "that you found curtains at all the windows." They were white ruffled affairs; I had no intention of ironing such without an electric iron.

"Do you need any?" I asked.

"I haven't any at all yet," she answered.

"Wonderful!" said I. "Look over all the windows and take all the best ones, as many as you can use."

"Don't you need them?" said she.

"Positively not," said I. "I have lots of curtains in some of these boxes. Now, what else do you need?" I asked, the curtains having been gathered.

"We have to buy a table and some chairs," she answered. I showed her the table in the kitchen. It was a hardwood extension table, in very good condition, and there might be extra leaves somewhere.

"If you like it, I'd be glad to give this one to you," I offered, "and the chairs too; though they are nondescript, they would do until you get better ones." The furnishings in this house were typical of what people pass on down to a summer camp, but among them were some treasures. I had discovered in the dining room a beautiful oval walnut table. We could use the table that I had brought with me in the kitchen and Elizabeth could have the spare one. Elizabeth demurred, but I assured her that I wanted her to have it. B.B. would not like my bartering for a cupboard, but he would highly approve of giving something away. We called Roy to come and load the things and they were off.

Miss Fan needed to rest so I sat her down in the dining room to look at whatever was in the drawers of the buffet. By now I knew that it would be a slow process redoing this house. She might as well add a bit more to the disarray; it wouldn't matter. I slipped out and sat down on the south steps in the sun. The phone rang; it was Elizabeth's mother. Was I sure I wanted that old red cupboard, wasn't Elizabeth mistaken? I told her there was nothing that I wanted any more than that, so she said she would get it up from the cellar and scrub it. Miss Fan called me to look at the piles of stuff she had laid out on the table. "You have a lot of nice linen," she said. "What are you planning to do with all these kitchen tablecloths and napkins?" I hadn't planned, not even knowing they were here.

"What do you suggest?" asked I, knowing very well that Miss Fan did not need them. She went on, "Unless you're planning to set up a bar, you don't need all these odd glasses in the pantry. I could make up a little box of things to give Elizabeth; they're just starting out." I agreed and helped her. Stanley came to take her home, grumbling over loading the oak table and asking her what on earth she planned to do with the portieres. In his heart, he knew, as did I. She had automatic oil heat in a small house. She would put them up and use them, not to save heat but to recapture a bit of her girlhood in the days before central heating.

B.B. came in for supper. Then we went for a walk over the fields and into the edge of the woods. Back, I found a kerosene lamp that had oil in it. I knew that neither angels nor demons nor a chaotic house would keep him from reading the paper. "You'll have to poke about and find a chair by yourself. I'm off to sleep in the porch swing again." Thus ended the second day.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A tractor trailer accident on Route 2 in West Bethel spilled approximately 200 gallons of fuel into the Pleasant River.

Maine Handicapped Skiing held its 16th annual Ski-A-Thon at Sunday River Ski Resort and Sunday River Inn.

A riding arena in Woodstock, owned by Pat Thurston, collapsed under the weight of snow.

Deaths: Stephen L. Jacobs, Marion T. Billings, Raymond A. Small, Jr., Harold V. Watson, Jr.

20 years ago: The annual Family Fun Weekend at Mt. Abram Skiway drew its usual good crowd.

The Ellis River Riders sponsored a St. Patrick's Dance at the Andover town hall, with music by "2200 Sounds."

Deaths: Pauline L. Lawrence, Arnold Childs, Helen Schwind, Alice C. Littlehale, Margaret H. Hutchinson.

30 years ago: The Bethel Rotary Club presented a stair chair stretcher to the Bethel Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Service.

A small group of Bethel area residents met to assess interest in organizing a family oriented Nordic Ski and Outing Club.

Deaths: William A. Bartlett, Bernice E. Heath.

40 years ago: Pupils from the Area Head Start Class visited the Bethel Shoe Co., and had a tour with plant manager, Ronald Coulombe.

About 80 Telstar students traveled to Portland to appear on "The Dave Astor Show."

Death: Mrs. Julia M. Moore.

50 years ago: Five-year-old Kevin Bean was seriously injured when he hit the side of a car operated by Harold Rich while sliding from the driveway of his home on Paradise Hill.

Births: Shawn Francis Carroll, Richard Dale Chase, Eric Scott Berry.

Death: Mrs. Ruth Buck Bonvie.

60 years ago: Gould Academy's William Rogers Chapman Club, under the direction of Miss Ann Griggs, presented its annual spring concert.

Modern Housecleaning Methods was the topic of the Farm Bureau meeting held at the home of Mrs. Florence Hastings.

Birth: David Joseph McKenna.

Deaths: Mrs. Addie Vandenkerckhoven, Mrs. Etta Robbins, Oscar L. Peabody, Isaac Childs, Mrs. Cora Chapman, Mrs. Mildred D. Smith, Miss Elizabeth A. Foster, Edward L. Irish, Howard G. Dunn, Henry J. Bemis, Joseph H. Morton.

70 years ago: Village Corporation voters passed over the matter of a night police officer. Assessors were Herbert R. Rowe, William C. Chapman, and Arthur R. Cutler.

Twenty inches of snow fell on the 11th and 12th.

Deaths: Sidney R. Howe, Edwin Rolfe.

80 years ago: George A. Mundt Post, American Legion, was reorganized with Herbert R. Bean, commander. The Auxiliary was organized with Mrs. Mabel Robertson, president.

After a long discussion at the Corporation meeting, an economy group defeated continuance of a night watchman. Assessors were Ernest F. Bisbee, Harry E. Jordan, Clarence K. Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holt celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

Deaths: Mrs. Ella H. Cope land, Mrs. Ida M. Harding.

90 years ago: There were to be no church services and town meeting adjourned to March 15 because of the flu epidemic and severe snow storms.

Deaths: Spencer Abbott, Mrs. Sarah E. Swan.

100 years ago: At the Corporation meeting it was voted to extend time of lighting to 12 p.m. all year.

The Temperance Rally Day was held at the Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church Youth Society held a social at Bethel Grange 56 hall on Spring Street.

Deaths: Dr. George Fernald, Mrs. Fanny E. Cummings.

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'SPLASH'

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recruit them as unpaid teachers, and put out the word to high schools.

The result: 400 high school students came to campus for a day to learn from 150 teachers. Most were from Massachusetts, but some also came from other nearby states and Canada.

It was so successful that the school's Board of Directors asked for a presentation about it. After praising the project, they supported a plan to continue the effort in the spring, under the title "Education for Students, by Students."

Piccirillo and her co-director — another student from Maine — are now busy preparing for the March 27 effort. They have help from a four-member administrative team. This time around, 250 BC students will teach. "Our goal is

1,000 high school students," said Piccirillo.

While MIT's program is heavily focused on technical math and science topics, she said, BC's ranges over more areas, reflecting its liberal arts character.

In addition to learning about many subjects, the high-schoolers will eat lunch in a dining hall and find their own way to class.

The program, said Piccirillo, is a good opportunity for Telstar students to get a flavor of both college life and an urban environment.

"It gives them a chance to consider options outside of Maine," she said. "I love the city, and I didn't think I would."

For more on the SPLASH program go to <http://bc-splash.learningu.org>.

Study

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nearby tributary was left untreated, and was also monitored.

In 2008, two Bear River tributaries were added to the study (Branch and Chase Hill brooks), and trees were cut and dropped into those brooks.

Results

Results indicated that the streams became less "flashy" in their flow. About two years were needed for the woody material to settle and form defined dams, Stern wrote. The best dams formed in hardwood areas, where more leaf-packing contributed to the formation.

The tree-cutting was found to have an initial disruptive effect on the trout.

"For example, both treatment tributaries in the Sunday River showed high initial values in abundance and biomass of adult brook trout, then dramatic declines immediately after treatment, and then a steady increase over time, with our final estimates approaching or exceeding pre-treatment values.

"This would seem to indicate that the treatment itself acted as a catastrophic disturbance to trout in the stream, and trout populations have been recovering since."

He noted that trout populations "just now are reaching pre-treatment levels following the disruptions caused by chop and drop addition in 2007.

Briefly

Date set for Mindy Evans benefit

BETHEL—A fundraiser to benefit Mindy Hale Evans will take place April 10 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Locke Mills Legion. Evans, an EMT with Bethel Rescue, was injured recently in a snowmobile accident. The April 10 event will include a meal, raffles and entertainment all afternoon. Donations for the event and for Evans may be made before then at the Northeast Bank in Bethel, where an account has been set up. T-shirts may also be purchased for \$12 from Bethel Rescue members Cheryl Bennett or David and Amy Hanscom. The shirts, Navy blue in color, have an eagle logo and include the wording, "Rise above the storm. We love and support you." Sizes are Child's 6 to Adult XXXL. Orders will be placed as they are made, with a week to a week and a half for delivery. Money can be paid when ordered, or when the shirt is ready. The first batch is expected early next week.

Bethel skier wins national title

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.—Olympic hopeful Troy Murphy won the United States Ski and Snowboard Association Marriot Junior National Dual Mogul competition Sunday. Murphy, a 2010 graduate of Gould Academy and a member of the Planet Ski International Elite Team, defeated a field of 70 of the top junior mogul skiers in the United States. Murphy deferred enrollment from Colorado College this fall to focus on his skiing. He trains with Planet Ski International, a nationally recognized ski club specializing in innovative year-round training opportunities for skiers.

SAD 44 to get a bit more \$ from state

BETHEL—SAD 44 is expected to receive an estimated \$65,000 more in state aid than originally anticipated, Supt. Dave Murphy told the School Board Monday. That means the decline in state aid from last year will be approximately \$335,000. Directors are expected to consider concrete budget proposals in April. In other budget-related news, Murphy said he has met with four of the five district town managers or administrators to discuss ways of cooperating to save on expenses, such as plowing, computer services and oil/diesel bids. "It was the beginning of a discussion," he said. Murphy also said an energy audit was recently conducted at the Telstar complex, and the consultant doing the work is expected to present a proposal in April to make the complex more energy-efficient. If the upgrades are instituted, he said, SAD 44 could save up to 50 percent of the oil it burns.

Andover warrant article dropped

ANDOVER—An article on the warrant for Saturday's annual town meeting has been dropped, according to selectboard Chair Susan Merrow. The article had provided for a holiday alternative for employees who work on Saturdays. "While it tried to improve a situation for one employee, it then created an inequity for another employee, which we hadn't realized when it was proposed," Merrow said.

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Woodstock Residents

The Annual Woodstock Town Meeting will be held on Monday March 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Woodstock Elementary School.

The Annual Town Reports will be available at the Town Office on Monday March 21st. The reports will be hand delivered in town beginning on Tuesday the 22nd.

Just a reminder that Dog Licenses are now overdue. There will be an additional fee of \$15.00 per dog after January 31, 2011, and for dogs still not registered on or before April 1, 2011 there will be a charge of \$25.00.

Notice to Veterans

Veterans or Widows of Veterans age 62 or older, who may be eligible for property tax exemption under our Maine Laws, should be familiar with the requirement; where by, application for tax exemption must be made to the Assessors before April 1st of the year in which exemption is expected to begin.

Blind Exemption

Exemptions are available to persons determined to be blind within the definition provided by title 22, Chapter 959, who are receiving aid under that Chapter. Exemption must be filed with Assessors before April 1st of the year in which the exemption is expected to begin

Assessor's Notice

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91-A, Section 34 R.S. 1954 Amend, all resident and non-resident property owners are hereby notified to bring into the Assessors, on or before April 1st, 2011, a true copy and perfect list of their estates, real or personal, of which they are possessed on the April 1st 2011, and be prepared to take oath on same. Any person who neglects to comply with this notice is barred his rights to make application to the assessors or the Assessment Board of Review for any abatement of his tax unless he satisfies the Assessors that he/she was unable to offer it at the appointed time.

Teaching in Costa Rica

A Down Home Maine Presentation
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Sarah Rackliffe

Thursday, March 24
4:30-6:00 p.m.
Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium

Bethel native Sarah Rackliffe spent last year as a World Teach volunteer, arriving in a tiny rural village in Costa Rica with little knowledge of Spanish. She lived with a Costa Rican family nearby and taught English to primary level students in the one-room schoolhouse. Sarah will describe these life-changing experiences and adventures and share her slides.

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Mills church. The culvert at that point was far too small to take care of the water which had risen high on the embankment and it is said that the flood came through with such force that water was sent across the main road and into the field beyond. Another washout between Locke Mills and Bryant Pond held the morning express train at Bryant Pond Friday and mail was brought by car to the water line end of Bethel village, thence by boat and cars to Bethel post office and to points in northern New Hampshire. Mail was not delivered at Bethel post office from Wednesday noon to Friday noon. Lewiston newspapers were delivered to Bethel by airplane Friday.

Thursday, March 26

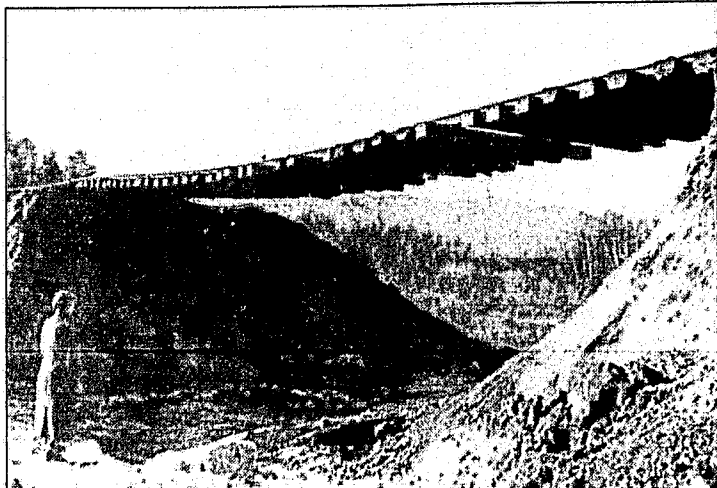
Train service through Bethel was resumed through Bethel Sunday when the west bound express arrived about 8:30 p.m. some 10 hours late. Thursday, Friday and Saturday its terminus had been at Bryant Pond due to washouts in the vicinity of Locke Mills, and the train was held there Sunday until the track was made passable. Mail and some of the express had been in the meantime taken by motor vehicles over the highway as far as Berlin. During the same period passenger traffic from the west came no farther than Berlin or Gorham.

The railroad suffered heavily with two washouts requiring pile-drivers at Locke Mills and badly washed tracks in other places.

Homes in Mayville and Skillington were vacated and the water damage to houses and furnishings will be a large item.

For the third time in less than 10 days the roads were flooded Saturday night. Cars were able to continue Sunday although the water held up until late in the afternoon.

At the Julius P. Skillings mill finished spools awaiting shipment, stock and machinery were damaged. The loss has been estimated by F. S. Robinson to be near \$3,000. The water was five feet deep in some of the lower houses at Skillington. The furnishings of the club room at the Skillings office and residence were damaged, but the extensive library of the late J. P. Skillings was saved from the water.



LOCKE MILLS EL.—The Canadian National Railway lines disappearing underwater in this week's Front Page photo were suspended in the air a few days later in Locke Mills, their embankment eroded away by Putt Brook.

(Greenwood Historical Society)

It was necessary to swim two horses from the Skillings barn Wednesday night and the horses and cattle from the Bethel Inn farm near the Richardson crossing were rescued in the same way.

The Herrick Brothers machine shop was flooded to a depth of 3 feet 4 inches. Their loss is about \$500, mostly in small tools.

At the mill of H. F. Thurston & Son stock in the yard was damaged to the extent of about \$2,000, although very little was carried away.

As the water came over the banks at M.J. Marshall's Thursday, his garage was swung from its base, but it was held at one corner. The old hay barn on Hastings' Island below the steel bridge was moved several hundred feet down the island. The trees on the upper end of the island suffered from the battering of the ice and were very probably killed.

Water was over two feet deep in the home of Lincoln Cummings on the "lower road." This was about three feet above the 1927 mark. In Mayville all cellars were filled except at the Enman place, and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Goodwin the water was four feet deep on the first floor. Their goods had not been removed. The homes of Joseph Baker Jr. and Charles Bennett, near the fair grounds were battered by the ice, and a shed from the Baker place floated to the fair grounds. Richard Leighton's new home near Bethaven was not in the current and did not fare so badly.

Main roads have been re-

paired so that it is possible to travel in most directions, although effects of the high water are everywhere evident. The widespread territory covered makes the disaster the worst in the East for many years. Houses washed away and cattle drowned were common signs, although in Bethel neither took place.

Locke Mills: The flood of last week caused considerable damage here. Two railroad bridges were washed out, making it impossible for the trains to reach Bethel until Sunday night. Men with trucks worked Thursday night carting gravel to the dam trying to prevent it from going out. In which they succeeded. Basements were flooded and some would have had to move had the flood lasted another day.

Greenwood Center: During the heavy rain last week the lower dam at D. R. Cole's mill went out. The bridge across the river near the mill was washed out so that Ray Martin has to use a boat to get to the main road.

North Newry: The flood of last week did considerable damage in this town. Roads and bridges were made unsafe. The Wight Bros. Mill was nearly swept away and much of the machinery was carried away down river. Leon Enman was forced to move his family out. The water came up to the keyboard of their piano. The Newry-Upton stage missed several trips.

(Our thanks to historians Randy Bennett, Donald Bennett and Blaine Mills for their help in preparing this article.)

Appeal

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FOSM appealed the DEP decision, but in January, the Maine Board of Environmental Protection denied the appeal. Opponents have now taken the next step.

"FOSM is objecting to the permitting of this project on several grounds, including noise, environmental impacts, and decommissioning. We have submitted written comments and technical information that should have prompted public hearings in front of the Maine DEP and the BEP," Hall said Tuesday. "We have specific concerns about the negative impacts of the construction and operation of an industrial wind park as close as 2200 ft from non-participating residences. There is no need to repeat the mistakes made at Mars Hill, Freedom, and Vinalhaven, Maine."

Before the appeal was filed, Todd Presson, chief operating officer of Patriot Renewables, offered to donate \$120,000 to

SAD 44 to save three teaching jobs at the Woodstock Elementary School that could be lost to budget cuts.

The money had been budgeted for legal challenges to the project, and Presson said as long as there were no further challenges, the funds could be used to help the school.

Presson was asked Tuesday to comment on the appeal, and whether or not the money offer was off the table as a result.

"Obviously we are disappointed that opponents chose to appeal our Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Site Law permit, and then to appeal the subsequent Board of Environmental Protection (BEP) decision to the Maine Supreme Court," he said. "We strongly believe that the DEP and BEP decisions were correct, and we do not think there is a valid basis for an appeal to the Supreme Court. Currently there are two virtually identical

appeals before the Supreme Court (Record Hill and Oakfield), and decisions on these appeals are expected shortly. We are hopeful that opponents to our project will withdraw their appeal if these other cases are decided against appellants, as we believe they will be, so we can begin construction and help the school with a contribution. We are truly looking forward to working together with the community, including opponents, as we move forward with the project."

Hall was also asked about the offer to WES.

"It is our hope that Patriot Renewables stops using the W.E.S. as a bargaining tool and contributes unconditionally," she said. "Also, we would like to ask Andy Novey [PR project developer] where the compensation is for hard working Maine families who will be unwillingly forced to live next to an industrial wind park."

Asphalt

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tion, and that window closed Feb. 23.

At a regularly scheduled meeting on that date, however, the board and Manzer agreed to extend the review, with an eye toward a final vote at the board's meeting next week.

The period for formal public comment (in writing) was also extended by a week, to March 3.

But by that point the board had already received copious public comment, including three petitions, one signed by 224 residents.

Virtually all of that comment opposed approval.

The dominant concern was potential odors from such an operation, and their impact on quality of life and business.

At the Feb. 23 meeting, planner Jon Cowan said: "I think that we've had ample testimony from abutters that when the plant was set

up nearby, on the Douglass property, people were experiencing what they considered offensive odors across the property lines onto their land (at a significant distance)."

"So there's reason to believe that when the plant moves across the road, and a little further northeast, even though it appears to be an excellent site for the plant, odors are still going to be a problem."

Accordingly, the planners approved a formal motion, by Andrew Glasfield, to the effect that based on the project's characteristics and location odor will be a concern in their deliberations.

Glasfield also noted later in the meeting that according to the town's performance standards, the onus is on the applicant to provide evidence demonstrating to the board's satisfaction that odors from the plant's operations will not go beyond the property

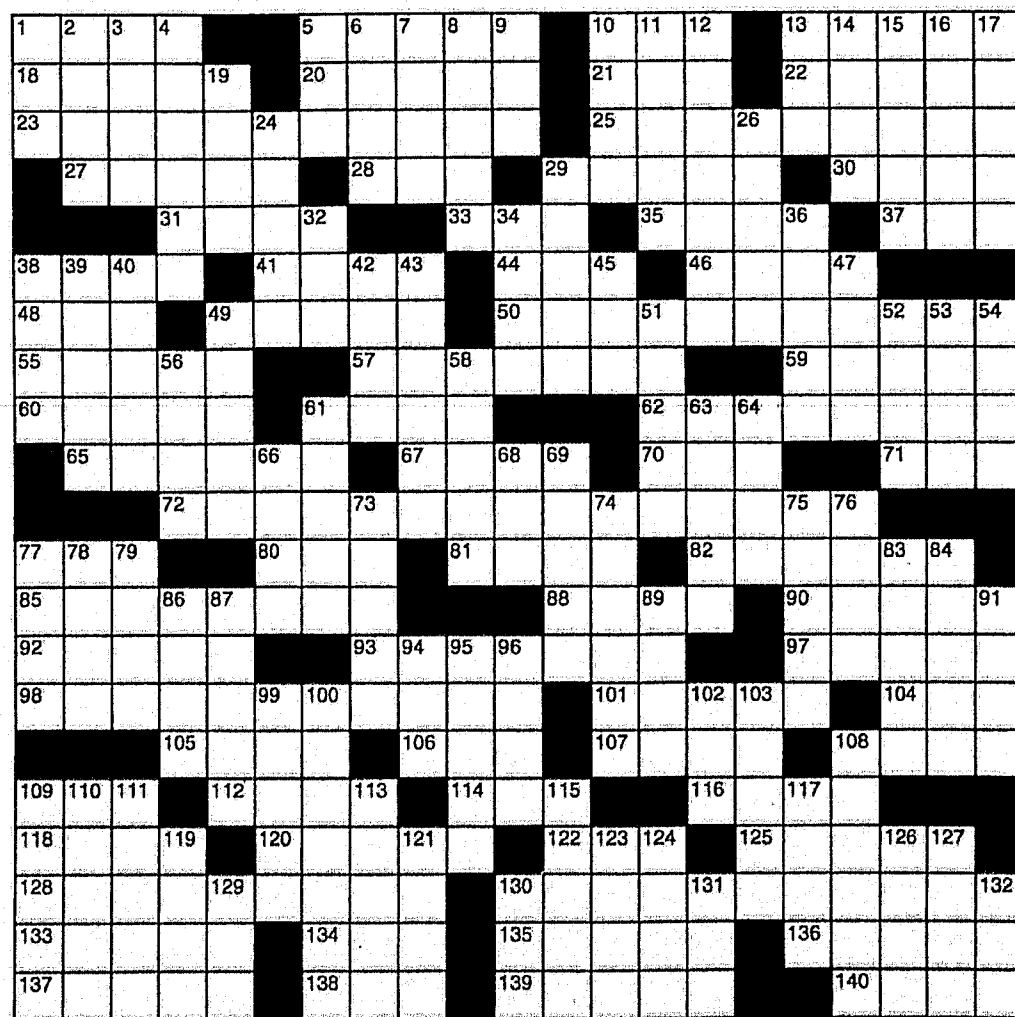
lines. The board agreed to work with Steve Whipple, an environmental engineer retained by Manzer, in fabricating a monitoring methodology, acceptable to both the board and the applicant, to be included as a "Condition of Approval" should the board approve the project.

Cowan said he hoped to see a methodology that included benchmarks for quantifying odors emitted when the plant is in operation.

More time available

While March 23 is the current target date for a board vote on the application, Manzer told the board earlier this month that his purchase-and-sale agreement for the lot where he hopes to place the plant has been extended until April 15, and that, should it be necessary, he would be willing to wait for a decision until the board's next regular meeting, April 13.

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OCSD Patrol Log:

Tuesday, March 8

At 2:44 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Paradise Road in Bethel for a report that a subject plowing had accidentally done property damage to a building.

At 5:57 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and George Cayer served an arrest warrant (failure to pay) on the Hanover/Newry line on Route 2.

Wednesday, March 9

At 11:40 a.m. Deputy George Cayer received a report of erratic operation on the Flat Road in Bethel.

At 3:05 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis received a report that a subject had been harassed.

At 5:05 p.m. a subject on the Flat Road in Bethel reported losing a wallet. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

At 7:13 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis received a report of an attempted theft in Greenwood.

Thursday, March 10

At 7:28 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Main Street in Bethel after a caller reported she had just shut her car off at work and it was smoking.

At 10:28 a.m. Cpl. Brian Landis responded to Route 2 in Bethel for a report that a vehicle had struck a telephone pole.

At 10:50 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch did a check on a concealed weapons permit on the Intervale Road.

At 1:08 p.m. a report was received that a truck had lost its rear tires in Rumford. Deputy Mike Parshall in Bethel was asked to watch for it. The Rumford PD located the vehicle.

At 2 p.m. a caller provided a late report of the theft of ski boots. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 5:33 p.m. a report was received of a stolen vehicle. Deputy Dennis Ryder located it, and the owner said the theft report was a mistake. A friend of the family had taken it.

At 5:43 p.m. a caller on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel reported possible threats from a former employee. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

Friday, March 11

At 9:05 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder received a report of a possible intoxicated driver. But the caller had no proof the driver was intoxicated and could not say where the suspect was and where the person was headed.

At 10:26 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to the Andrews Road in Woodstock for a report of an ID theft.

Saturday, March 12

At 12:46 a.m. a caller reported an underaged drinking party on Paradise Road in Bethel, and said it would be easy to find because of all the cars. Deputy Dennis Ryder checked the area and there were no vehicles.

At 1:45 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Newry to assist state police on a domestic violence arrest.

At 8:48 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to the intersection of Mayville and North roads for an accident

with minor injuries.

Sunday, March 13

At 3:14 a.m. on Mayville Road in Bethel Deputy Dennis Ryder arrested Brittany L. Field, 22, of Newry for OUI.

At 4:25 a.m. a caller on Chapman Street in Bethel reported a suspicious incident with a vehicle left unattended. Deputy Dennis Ryder had already talked with the vehicle owner the previous night.

At 7:46 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown received a report of a stolen debit card in Bethel.

At 11:55 a.m. Deputies Dennis Ryder and Mike Halacy responded to Mechanic Street in Bethel and arrested Adam R. Gooley, 43, of Bethel for domestic violence assault and domestic violence terrorizing.

At 7:44 p.m. on Parkway in Bethel Deputy Matt Noyes arrested Daniel Crowley, 48, of New Gloucester for OUI.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

March 11, 3:20 p.m.: Joshua Gaudreau, 24, of Greenwood, failure to pay fines and operating after suspension; by Trooper Jason Wing in Woodstock.

March 12, 3:53 a.m.: Taneeka A. Salas, 38, of Wayland, Mass., criminal threatening; by Trooper Ron Turnick in Newry.

March 13, 2:10 p.m.: Adam R. Gooley, 33, of Bethel, DV assault and DV terrorizing, by Deputy Dennis Ryder in Bethel.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Cheryl and Marc Bileau of Bethel will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary on March 26, 2011. Congratulations. The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days are Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18. Volunteers will be selling daffodils at the Bethel Foodliner on both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All money raised goes to help individuals fighting cancer or to cancer research. The snowshoe season is

winding down. If you are an avid snowshoer, don't miss the Mahoosuc Land Trust snowshoe hike planned for Maggie's Nature Park in Greenwood on Saturday, March 19. Hikers will go through the park, which borders South Pond, and climb up Peaked Mountain. Snowshoes and hiking poles are recommended. Hikers should bring lunch or a snack and water. Meet in the parking lot of Maggie's Nature Park on the Greenwood Road and be ready to begin the hike at 10 a.m.

I hiked up the Peaked Mountain trail on Sunday. The trail conditions were good. The snow was soft and my hiking poles came in handy on the steep parts of the trail. There

were only two places where melting snow had left the trail bare. It appeared that no one had hiked the top portion of the trail since the last snow storm. There were no snowshoe tracks. However, there were numerous moose and turkey tracks. Along the trail and from the top of the mountain, there are beautiful views of the surrounding mountains and the Greenwood ponds. The round-trip from the trailhead takes about two hours.

There is a new chapter of Project Linus for Oxford and Androscoggin counties. Project Linus has hundreds of local chapters and thousands of volunteers across the United States. Their goal is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, which are lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." The local chapter needs donations of fabric and cotton or acrylic yarn. If you don't have materials to donate, but would like to help, donations or gift cards to Jo-Ann Fabrics or other craft stores would be appreciated. The director of Project Linus Androscoggin/Oxford Counties is Annette. She can be reached at (207) 353-7071 or annette@roadrunner.com. Cheryl Bileau of Bethel is a local volunteer and she can be reached at cheryl@bibleau@gmail.com.

The local chapter of Project Linus has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Project-Linus-Oxford-County-Androscoggin-County-Maine/187800707928078.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH



On Sunday, March 6, Mike and I departed the Garden of Eden at 4 a.m. to catch a 6 a.m. bus in Portland, to get to Boston Logan Airport by 8, to board a 10 a.m. flight for St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. About eleven hours after leaving Bethel, we stepped off the ferry at Caneel Bay on St. John V.I. That sounds like, and was, a long day, but our destination made it worth every wait in line, every screening, and even the \$25 per bag fee for checking luggage.

The island of St. John is about three quarters National Park, thanks to the generosity of Laurance Rockefeller and the environmental group to which he gave his land, which subsequently transferred it to the U.S. government to become Virgin Islands National Park. The Caneel Bay resort is on park property that was the site of Rockefeller's estate on the island. It encompasses 170 acres and boasts seven lovely beaches. Nearby are Cinnamon Bay, Trunk Bay (famous for its underwater snorkeling trail), and Maho Bay, which is home to a National Park campground. All the beaches are excel-



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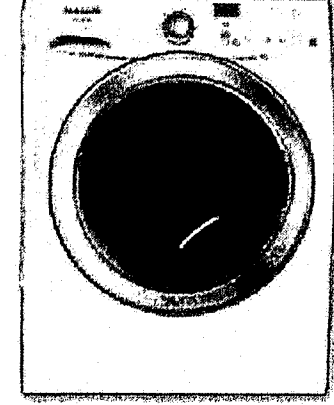


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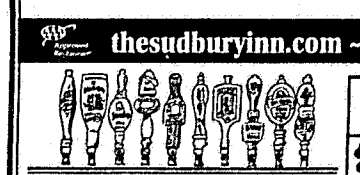


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lent snorkeling venues, and we did our share of exploring the underwater world. There are so many beautiful and colorful fish, sea creatures, and corals of all colors and configurations, that one can be happily occupied for hours. We knew from experience that it was wise to wear t-shirts while snorkeling, in addition to generous applications of sunscreen, and Mike used a bathing cap to protect his scalp.

Eventually one tires of paddling around, so land adventures take over. We took a pre-breakfast walk every morning, sometimes on paved pathways, and sometimes on hiking trails through exotic tropical vegetation. The biggest surprise to us was finding cactus on a tropical isle. I always associate them with arid desert lands, not seaside jungles.

Among the birds we saw were the pearly-eyed thrasher, sometimes called the "beggar bird" for its boldness at snatching bits of food from unwary snappers. It looks for all the world like our American robin, but with a lightly streaked white breast instead of orange. A little black finch with an orange chin turned out to be the lesser Antillean bullfinch, and we saw them flitting around the shrubbery outside our room. Also sampling nectar from flowering shrubs was the green-throated Caribbean hummingbird, whose green shows only when struck by sunlight, much like the red throat of our ruby-throated hummingbird. We saw a pair of bananaquits and their nest on one of our walks. Bananaquits are in the warbler family.

There are herds of feral donkeys roaming the resort grounds, as well as a race of small deer. If you're alert you will see a mongoose skittering across a path or walkway on its way to finding food. By far the most interesting animal resident for us was the iguana. The tropical almond tree in front of our balcony usually had three or four of the critters on its branches. You look first for

the banded tail hanging from a branch, then follow that up until you see the body it's attached to. A couple of times we caught them creeping along the ground, and of course I took about seventy skillion photos. Iguanas are so strikingly ugly that they are cute.

While we were away, Jake stayed with his cousin, Cascade, on Skillings Road, and was very contented there, though he indicated that he missed us a little. Our daughter, Martha, watered our plants and arranged for our driveway to be cleared for our homecoming. Our return flight landed at Logan on Friday evening, where we were met by our daughter, Kate, and her husband. We spent the night with them and their two sons, Owen and Robbie. Special bonus was that Owen got home that day on spring break from UMass. We left Bethel in late winter and returned last Saturday to spring-like weather. We were told that we didn't miss any wonderful weather here last week.

Now we're looking forward this weekend to New England High School Nordic Ski Championship races at Black Mountain in Rumford, March 18, 19, and 20. Since our local daily newspaper doesn't see fit to write much, if anything, about Nordic skiing, you heard it here, folks. Each of the New England states and New York sends a team of 24 boys and 24 girls who have earned their slots in a series of qualifying races. Our granddaughter, Molly Siegel, is on the team, so we'll be there with cowbells in hand to cheer on her and her teammates. Next week we'll have results to relay to you.

As lovely as our tropical getaway was, we're both glad to be back in Maine. Mike is tapping trees to contribute sap to Martha's maple syrup production. He will also be doing a good deal of the boiling. M-m-m, I can taste the pancakes already. I'm looking forward to a month or so from now when maybe I can see the first bulbs popping through. Meanwhile, I'll hope to hear from you. dhoeh@megalink.net; 824-2917.



BLUE STAR SALUTE—Commander Wayne Hakala of American Legion Post 68 (far right) presents Blue-Star Service Flags. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gionet (next to Hakala). The three-star service banner represents son Michael (U.S. Navy), daughter-in-law Anabel Gionet (U.S. Navy); and son-in-law Roy Jones (National Guard). Hakala presented service flags to 10 local families, honoring their loved ones' military service. Also pictured are (from left) grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gionet; and grandmother, Sandra Savage.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! There is a little Irish in all of us sometimes, especially on March 17.

Hugh and I noticed a Robin out front in the lilac bush. He didn't seem to mind that the lawn was still covered with snow.

My brother, Steve McLain, was kind enough to find the last quarter, Arizona, that I needed to complete my book of the state quarter's series. I had forgotten all about it until last weekend when our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, was here. We were looking at it and discovered that this quarter was missing.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Citizen's dinner at the Methodist Church in Bethel on Wednesday. Belated Happy Birthday wishes to my nephew, Brad McLain, whose birthday was on March 11. Happy Birthday wishes to Lise McLain, who also has a March 20 birthday.

Dan Cole called last Wednesday to comment on the two planes that flew over Gilead at a very low altitude. Someone said that they looked like

C-130's. Hugh and I were coming back from Bethel and saw the first one flying out of the Bog Road. It looked so low that it seemed that it just cleared the trees. We were home when the second one went over Gilead. We missed seeing it, but definitely heard it. Dan said that it came across Bridge Street from the direction of the gravel pit behind Mary Tyler's house and headed for Bethel along the river. It was very low and appeared to climb to clear the trees in the area of the Transfer Station.

Dan also mentioned that he has been seeing some spring birds. There were some Red-Winged Blackbirds at his feeder.

Luella Cole called on Sunday afternoon to say that she and Dan had some good news to report. Their daughter, Kelly Cole, and son, Robert, from Converse, Texas paid them a surprise visit.

Gilead Historical Society The GHS usually holds the first meeting of the year on the day of the town of Gilead's Annual Meeting. This year the first meeting will be held on April 23 at 1 p.m. at the Town Office. The reason that the meeting was on the same day as town meeting was that the Town Hall was heated for the meeting in the evening so it seemed logical that the GHS meet in the afternoon.

Now that the meeting room is available in the Town Office, the GHS can book that to use when they need it.

Town Office Another reminder that the annual town meeting will be on March 26. Show up early and get checked in.

The Annual Town Report is being worked on at this time and should be ready by Saturday, March 19. It will be delivered to residents, but there will also be copies available at the Town Office on Tuesday, March 22.

There will be two positions to be voted on this year. There is a position for a school board member and for a selectman. These are both three-year terms. Jeremy Morin is seeking re-election for another term as selectman and Joseph Boudreau is running against him.

Over the past couple of years the Board of Selectmen has put policies into place that were designed to keep the financial status of the town up to date. These policies have been working. There are still quite a few areas that need to be improved and this Board in continuing to work on them.

Please come to town meeting and be heard by casting your vote for how matters are handled in your town and how your tax dollars are spent. Your vote does matter.

In other Town news, I usually try to keep my political opinions out of my column, but I just felt that I would like to comment on Joe Boudreau's ad in the Bethel Citizen last week.

As far as the ad in the paper the week before, I will refrain from commenting on that.

This ad in the paper mentions several recommendable qualities for an individual, but I am not sure how this applies to anyone seeking the office of selectman. There again, this is not my point.

I would like to refer to two items listed. One being "Helped Gilead officials with 2008 Tax Bills & Computer problems" and the other being "Trained town office employees on computer programs."

In my opinion, I think Mr. Boudreau should clarify these comments and maybe rephrase them.

By using the words "officials" and "employees," he is implying that he helped more than one official and more than one employee in the Town Office.

I believe he did assist the Tax Collector to get the tax bills out on time, and worked with the Tax Collector on computer programs. I would like to make it clear that I, as the Town Clerk and Treasurer, did not receive any help or training from Mr. Boudreau.

In fact, I created a tax program for the town to use for the 2010 real estate taxes when a previous plan to do so fell through.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Andover

By JANE RICH



The Town meeting will begin on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the Town Hall. Coffee and donuts will be available. The Andover Service Circle will be conducting its first fundraiser of the year during the

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Those of you who are interested in knowing something about Yoga and in actuality learning this meditation form may enroll in a class to be held at the Andover School beginning March 21. The course will run for six weeks and the fee, through RSU 44 Adult Education is \$35. The instructor will be Sandee Conley. Sign-up is through Adult Ed.

Last Thursday evening several people from town attended the jazz concert at 49 Franklin Street. The performers were Rebecca Martin (former area resident) and her husband Larry Grenadier. The Hope Association in Rumford benefited from the proceeds of this endeavor.

Andover High School alumni will be pleased to learn that Ross Swain has posted photos from yearbooks 1948-1958 on the Facebook page entitled Andover Alumni Association. He will be working on doing these through year 1968 to complete the project.

Our featured Andover organization this week is the Andover Historical Society. Established in 1975 by several citizens interested in the history of our village, the society endeavors to preserve the material of long gone years. The first officers were Gertrude Percival, Polly Johnston, Thelma Clark and Dorothy Campbell. The present building that houses the society was purchased from the town for the great sum of \$1. More recently Violet Swain of East Andover donated the East Andover School house where she taught to the society. This building is set up as a school of yesteryear and is opened by the society for tours. In addition to the buildings, the group owns and displays, the license plate car given by Merton Perkins, the town hearse, the snow roller, the snub machine and a sleigh. There are many pictures, scrapbooks and other "paper" records available for perusal by the public, but perhaps the most precious memento are the video or audio tapes of senior citizens no longer with us who told what Andover was like as they grew up here and lived their lives among us.

The Historical Society is most known for its sponsorship of the annual flower show held on Olde Home Day. As any participant will tell you, including the ladies from Upton, this is something we would never miss. We prepare for weeks in hopes this year we will win best of the show.

In order to raise funds for their various activities the society has on sale, calendars (always with historical photos), cook books, tiles of the common and covered bridge, magnets with pictures of town buildings, coasters, and puzzles.

Present officers are president Beverly Swan, treasurer, Norma Farrington, secretary Trudy Akers. At a recent meeting the officers and members planned activities for 2011 that will appear here later.

If you have an interest in the history of Andover, you might consider checking out the Andover Historical Society. When I first came to town, I had one of the best evenings ever looking at old Andover High School yearbooks and while doing that heard wonderful stories about times past.

Next week's featured town organization: The Sno Valley Sno Goers.

Upton

By LAURIE BROWN



The annual Sunrise service will be held at Jim and Wilma Rector's home on East B Hill as the sun rises

up over the crest of their hill. Following the service, a buffet breakfast will be served at the Ladies Aid Building.

Sunday breakfasts, held from 8 to 11 a.m., will continue as long as feasible for the volunteers in the organization. On both Mother's Day and Father's Day, Moms and Dads will receive carnations at the breakfasts.

Snowmobilers are enjoying what might be their last trips of the season. Charlotte and Bob, hostess and host of the beautiful Upton House, rode the loop through Grafton Notch, to Andover, around Umbagog Lake and Upton with their friends, Norm and Nancy Beauvais, from Albany Township. The Beauvais were impressed with the view in area overlooking Umbagog Lake and look forward to making the trip again.

Sympathy is extended to Krystal and Neil Bernier of Mechanic Falls. Krys's Dad, Ralph Gatchell, passed away on Friday, March 11. Jes Bernier, Krys and Neil's daughter, was a great blessing to her grandfather.

Georgia Sweatt's brother, Royce, passed away on Feb. 28. Sympathy is extended to John and Georgia Sweatt.

Upton's town meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31, at the schoolhouse at 7 p.m.

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to ride on an old-fashioned washboard, you could probably have a comparable experience by driving on Back Street. Have to love those logging trucks and their



VICTIM OF THE SNOW—A building in East Andover owned by the Firemen's Association partially collapsed under the weight of snow last week. An old HazMat truck, at left, which was donated to the association, was damaged, according to Jim Adler. The backup Rescue truck at right was not damaged and has been removed from the building. The association plans to meet to discuss options for the building, Adler said.

equipment on gravel roads late in the season!

Have you seen any robins yet? Have a wonderful week. Selah

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



It seems the more pleasant temperatures have finally arrived. Many of the "cabin fever buster" signs of spring

which readers submitted have become noticeable. Following is one more round of signs: "when the spiders start showing up in the bathtub - eek," "when the 'Road Posted' signs start showing up" and last but not least, "when you see folks already in shorts and sweatshirt." I do hope everybody enjoyed this as much as I have and want to thank you for your participation.

Belated Birthday Wishes are in order again. Happy Birthday from the neighborhood goes to Earl Coolidge who turned 64 years young on March 12.

Cherri Crockett wants to share some news this week also and I find it best to quote her exact words: "I wanted to let you know that Tish Coolidge, Amy Lilly and Shannon Smith, all of Bethel, joined me on a snowshoe through Clark Bartlett's property on Thursday during the beautiful snowstorm."

"Clark is kind enough to grant permission each season when I ask if I can access his property for walks with my dogs and other non-vehicular fun. Thank you Clark, your kindness affords me much pleasure!"

Sadly, we also need to wish a farewell to some members of our neighborhood. My daughter Katy and her family are

moving to Wyoming and my son Ryan is going with them also. Gosh, my house will become way too quiet and too big. This is how things go when families have to go where the good jobs are.

This week it is time again for the answer to the Trivia. In the March 7, 1968 edition of the Citizen in the East Bethel section it was stated that "Mrs. Almon Coolidge fell on the ice Thursday and broke her left wrist."

Please, do call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

In closing here is a quote from Irish poet William Butler Yeats in regard to lessons of experience. "If suffering brings wisdom, I would wish to be less wise."

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Hello once again. This early time change has really thrown our household into a bit of a head spin.

Even our smart alarm clock was left wondering. Is designed to set itself with time changes and power outages; however, with this new system of daylight savings occurring earlier we, alas, overslept. We spent yesterday feeling "jet lagged," did you? Soon enough we will hit our sync and not even notice tired eyes in the morning and bel-

lies not yet hungry at supper time.

News from the Town Office relays many complaints about the condition of the road and its prevalent use of log trucks despite recent postings. There is little that they can do about this but I would like to remind my fellow Newry residents that we live in Maine - potholes, frost heaves and the wood industry are a part of life. So my advice would be to be patient, drive slow and wipe your bum with something besides toilet paper - other than that, there really isn't much that can be done, no magic wands, only time.

My curiosity was piqued concerning the use of posted roads by log trucks and the sort. So, rather than climbing a snowbank on the roadside somewhere to read an actual sign, I obtained some info online to get the details with help from a lovely lady at the Town Office. You can go online for yourself to www.maine.gov (mdot-heavyloads) for full details but basically they read as follows: Heavy vehicles should not be allowed on any road which is less than solidly frozen, when the air temp is 32 degrees or below and no water is showing in the cracks of the road. It goes on in greater detail than I need bore you with but I would encourage you to check it out for yourself to get the whole skinny. I realize that typically we don't expect to see these guys hauling during the day but I trust that they know the difference.

After all, why would they chance driving on "warm" days knowing full well the damage that they could cause to the roads and running the risk of fines, both of which put a dent in their wallets. Ah, the joys of spring!

Truth be known, not to my husband who is responsible for the upkeep of our vehicles, but the kids and I actually enjoy the whoop-ti-doo's along the Bear River Road. Hee, hee, hee! The hardest part of living along these rough roads is simply remembering to take into consideration that it will take you longer to get from point A to point B and to leave just a bit earlier to compensate. Which for me rarely happens, by the time I get it right, this nightmare of a ride will all be behind me - perhaps I might even be early for once. The idea has merit. Anyway, life is fleeting. After the absolute horror that Japan is currently facing and will for many years to come, doesn't it seem silly for us to worry about frost heaves? Let's take it for what it is - "whoop-ti-do"! Springtime in Maine, potholes, mud and ruts, yahoo! Have a blessed week! Contact me with your exciting or not news, we'd love to hear from you! sabcart@gmail.com or the good 'ole fashioned way 824-0836.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



From all the cheering anyone would think the building was going to fall in. Cameras flashed and "Happy Birthday" echoed from the rafters. Who gets such a greeting when they enter the building? Andy Barlow did when he arrived at his 50th birthday surprise party at the Eagles in Rumford. It was evident from all the relatives, friends and neighbors in attendance that Andy is truly one of the area's most highly regarded citizens.

Darlene Baker said she knew there was a weasel living in her shed and that was OK as long as it stayed there.

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It didn't. Soon afterward it moved right inside with Darlene. Her attempts to trap it or discourage its residence have been futile. This is our second report from that neighborhood of a weasel moving into a residence.

Congratulations to Megan Smith of Hanover for achieving the fall semester dean's list at the University of Maine at Farmington.

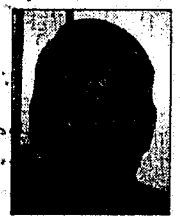
The town of Hanover has posted area roads prohibiting heavy loads until the frost is gone from the ground. Heavy trucks and equipment are restricted from travel on these roads unless it is below freezing. The posted roads are the Howard Pond Road from Route 2 to the end at Howard Pond including connecting roads and Mill Hill Road.

Recent rain and warm weather seem to indicate the vicious winter is beginning to give way. We are betting there will still be some cold and snowy weather in the weeks ahead.

Congratulations to Kory Crockett-Harrington for building the winning car in the recent Cub Scout Pine-wood Derby.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Saturday morning, Mona woke me up, complaining of heavy duty abdominal pains, and she was soon in ER at Stephens Memorial, where they administered a CT scan, which was inconclusive. They sent her to St. Mary's in Lewiston for more tests. As of today, Monday morning, they are still running tests to find the root causes of the pain, which resemble a similar incident a year ago. All other vital signs are good, so we hope they soon figure it out and treat the cause.

Last week's heavy rain (March 7) saturated the snow so that the cold nights made a crust about the consistency of concrete, or so I thought. On Tuesday I found that I could walk on the crust with scarcely any indentations with either my feet or snowmobile. That afternoon, I decided that the next day would be a perfect time to climb Caribou Mountain with Snuffy. Snuffy was gone, so I decided on the next best thing; I asked Dan Whitman if he would like to accompany me on Wednesday. He has been telling me about his five- or eight-mile walks on local snowmobile trails, so I figured he must be in pretty good shape. He thought about it for a few minutes and expressed some doubt that his legs were up to the climb. I assured him that I was not a fast hiker, nor was it imperative that we make the top; we were doing it for the exercise! He finally decided to give it a try.

By 8 a.m. Wednesday, we were parking our trucks off the turnaround at Pooh Corner Farm at the end of the Bog Road. The day was a crisp 10 degrees, sunny and wind-less, a beautiful day for a hike. The snow crust was solid and covered by a dusting of powdery snow from the night before. We donned our day packs, grabbed our walking sticks and headed up the trail. Walking was perfect, and we were a half mile and 20 minutes, or so, covering the distance to the National Forest gate, marking the end of the summertime motor vehicle trail access. Then the "real" trail began.

For another hour, or so, we ascended the gradually steepening trail, enjoying the great hiking conditions. Dan walks a little faster than I, so he led most of the way until we passed the trail sign announcing that we were entering the Caribou Wilderness Area, where campers must be 200 feet or more off established trails when they camp overnight. At about this time, he expressed doubts that his legs would take him the rest of



FEATURED GUEST—This little brown bat will be one of three bat species featured at the Mahoosuc Land Trust Local Knowledge Series, Friday, March 18, 7 p.m. at the Rumford Library. David Yates of Biodiversity Research Institute will be the presenter. Open to the public free of charge. (Submitted photo)

the way to the top, but he kept chugging along without showing outward signs of tiring.

As we mounted the first of several steeper slopes, we noticed the "slipperiness" of the hard crust increased with the angle of the slope. Then we discovered that we could stomp our heels into the crust and gain traction that way. We also noted that the tree branches sported a light coating of ice from the end of the weekend rain storm as the weather cooled. From there on the thickness of the ice on the trees increased with the increased altitude. From time to time we stopped to admire the beauty of the bright sunshine glistening off the diamond-covered tree tops.

About a mile from the summit, the trail dips to the left, crosses a small brook and climbs steeply up a slope on the other side for 50 or 60 yards. We found it necessary to stop and catch our breath after we "stomped" our way a few yards upward. We also noted that the branches of all the bushes and small trees bowed down under the weight of the ice, making it harder and harder to follow the trail, which had white paint trail blazes on trees only every once in a while. I wasn't worried,

because I knew the approximate location of the trail, having hiked it quite a few times over the years. The snow was also so deep that the trail blazes, when we found them, were not very much above the snow level.

I also knew that our trail intersected with the two other trails from the Evans Notch Road (Route 113) in the notch near the brook at the top of the rise that we were now climbing. We angled to the left to intersect the trail where it cuts through a narrow notch leading to the plateau where the wooden shelter used to sit before the "Wilderness" designation required the removal of all man-made structures. We found and then lost the trail again in the tangle of ice-covered branches, so I angled to the right along the base of the ridge where I knew we would eventually find where the trail climbed the last few hundred yards to the summit. Dan pointed out a trail-like open cut leading toward the summit and suggested we bushwhack to the top. I declined this idea because I knew how thick the little spruce trees grow near the top.

We finally found the trail where it enters the spruce trees leading the last few hundred yards to the summit. The trees were heavy laden with ice holding the spruce needles in solid masses and bending limbs down into the trail. The snow must have been four to six feet deep throughout, but

the crust held us up pretty well. We soon broke out into a small clearing near the summit. Views were spectacular, and after snapping a few photos, we determined to reach the summit, only a few yards away. But, where was the trail? Ice-covered spruce trees bowed down in every direction, but we couldn't find the trail. I decided to bushwhack through a narrow cluster of spruce trees, but soon found myself sinking in snow to my crotch in the thickets. I finally broke through into another small clearing and stumbled onto the trail again. I called to Dan and soon found him on hands and knees, crawling to the trail. From there, it was just a step, and we were on the summit, enjoying views of a winter wonderland of ice-laden spruce trees, brilliant sunlight and a horizon sprinkled with snow-covered hills and forests. We both agreed that the views made our struggles well worth the effort. We made it back to our pickups, suffering only a few tired muscles and a bruised knee or two.

Greenwood City

By WAYNE HAKALA



The past few days have certainly have been a tragic nightmare for Japan. We are blessed here to only occasionally be overcome with a flood, ice storm or a blizzard. And sometimes we complain when the temperature gets in the nineties during the summer and minus ten in the winter. Each and every one of us need to say a few words to the good ol' boy and make sure he takes care of all the people in Japan.

I received a very nice call this morning from Ernest Angevine. I hope he and his dear wife will be able to attend the Post 68 Birthday dinner on Thursday evening, the 17th. We would love to have them and others too. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the program at 7 p.m. It will be an enjoyable evening to say "Thank You" to our WWII veterans. Ernest did bring up a good point too. Ernest said that the citizens at home deserved many thanks for doing without so much to make sure the soldiers had

the necessary materials and equipment to do with. Thank you Ernest for that wonderful comment.

Brother Ray and I have started boiling down sap. The Sugar Shack is working full bull. We even have two old Captains chairs out there. Ray has hooked up two lights so that we can go into the late evening if the sap runs really well. Got my fingers crossed!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! I am happy to learn of all kinds of events (elsewhere) that do not involve a drink-a-thon. My memories of the day, when I was younger, was drink till you drop. Glad to know others realized the holiday was more than that.

On that note, Waterford is having a Community Supper at the Wilkins House on Plummer Hill. Bring a dish to share FMI 593-6677.

Also on Thursday, March 17, there is an ACA meeting at the Waterford Library at 10-11 a.m. FMI please call 799-9115.

Glad to see the rain and sun have melted some of the snow. Our road is still pretty bad, with snow and ice throughout, but it isn't really muddy yet except at the beginning. Our bus driver is a gem. She steers through a lot to pick up the grade-school students. High and Middle school students get the bus on Route 118.

Starting on March 21 and lasting until April 2 the Waterford Library will again be closed for renovations. Patrons are asked not to return books during this time period. After it reopens the library will gratefully accept books for the summer book sale. They can't accept them until then. Looking forward to the new looks and meeting room.

Mountain Poets met on Sunday, March 13. Because next month is National Poetry Month, the Annual "Too Cold For The Porch" celebration was scheduled for April 29.

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Save up your poems and join us on that day. It will be a fun time. The regular monthly reading will be April 10 at 7 p.m. Both readings are at the Fare Share Common on Main Street in Norway.

March 17-18 is the American Cancer Society's Annual Daffodil Days. Volunteers will be at the Bethel Foodliner selling daffodils. FMI call Caroline Gould at 824-3226.

Sunday, March 20, at the Waterford Fair grounds, there will be a Maple Syrup collecting contest. If not a member of the club, you can join by calling Ron Hall at 461-9898.

Sunday, March 20, is also the Bethel Rotary's All You Can Eat Breakfast 7:30-11 at Gould Academy Ordway Dining Hall. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for 12 and under. See a Rotary member for tickets. That is always a fun morning.

That is all for this week. Please try and avoid the mud and ice/snow on the roads and have a safe week.

West Paris

By JOYCE LAMB



The driveway is nearly dry, so I dared to go to the road to get the morning paper and the mail. It has been ten weeks since I have done that. Slowly I am getting my independence back.

The snowbanks have shrunk after just a few days of warmer weather. Maybe we will have spring after all.

On Sunday, March 20, Joan Beal will conduct the service at the West Paris Universalist Church at 9 a.m. "Earning Bread and Seeking Roses." This is Woman's History Month and she will focus on the movement of thousands of women in Maine from farm to factory work. Jim Burke is organist. A coffee hour follows.

Wendy Lamb returned home to Oakland, Ore., after caring for me for six weeks as I recovered from a reverse shoulder replacement. Her daffodils and crocuses were

peeking out of the ground to greet her. Their seasons are earlier than Maine. I sure miss her but can do well as I have in the past.

Muffin has been sleeping away these cold, gloomy days of winter. She is glad my lap has been available a lot of the time.

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE LARSON



I can't say I am fond of rain this time of year but it is better than snow so I will take it, not that I have any choice! I do hope that the power will stay on so I can get my wash done and this not so newsy news up to the office. I have not done so well this winter at getting any columns written but hope springs eternal according to "Casey At The Bat" which I had to learn when I was about thirteen and, of course, has stuck with me all these years even when I can't remember what I had for lunch yesterday.

It seems as if this winter for me has been one round of something all the time. My biggest problem, health wise anyway, has been diverticulitis which means a change of diet, and Chloe is just getting over pancreatitis so that means a change in diet for her. No more of her favorite stuffed treats. She can have plain rawhide and plain dog biscuits which will annoy her for a while but I notice she decided rice and boiled hamburger was better than nothing and probably will decide that about the other parts of her diet as well. Anything to keep my yap dog from becoming a lap dog. Not that I mind holding her but I'd rather it wasn't because she is sick. I also laughingly said that my mice droppings were turning into rice droppings as she left rice all over the floor.

And, as one can see from that remark, I have been having quite a mouse problem since I lost Garbo. I have purchased an electronic device which

is supposed to get rid of rodents but that means chipmunks and squirrels which I like so I haven't used it yet. I do have some animal that is fairly large that keeps making a racket in my shed. The closest I have come to seeing it, however, is when I heard it and looked into the shed to see a piece of molding that was on a shelf going up and down; but, there was no animal in sight. I hope warmer weather may mean that "beasties" will depart on their own to occupy the woods and fields once more.

I was happy to get a clean bill of eye health from my eye doctor. I still have a couple small cataracts but they don't bother me much and they hadn't changed from my last appointment so I am leaving them be for now. At least there was no sign of the diabetes in my eyes so that is good news. Diabetes is not a fun disease to fool with so if your doctor tells you that you are at risk take him or her seriously. I didn't and I am regretting it now.

Sorry this column is so short but we had a power outage this morning and so I had less time to work on this than I expected to have. I also was planning to use my new pre-owned washer for the first time and had to postpone that but the power company is pretty fast at getting things fixed and, as you can see, we now have power once more.

Until next week God bless and you keep it happening so my column will be a no-brainer!

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Franklin Grange 124 met on Saturday for a regular meeting and potluck dinner. Several plans were discussed for repairs that need to be done to the hall. Next meeting is March 19 at 10 a.m. with a potluck dinner.

A Ladies Breakfast was held at the Fire Hall on Saturday, March 5, with 10 ladies present. A kitchen shower was given to Marybeth Hoover to help as she moves into her new home.

"Ski for Charity" at Mt. Abram

Mt. Abram Ski Resort will host a "Ski for Charity" day on Sunday, March 27, to benefit the Friends of the Little Field Home orphanage in Malawi, Africa.

Owner Matt Hancock has joined with "Team Little Field Home" in its efforts to raise \$40,000 to construct two community buildings in the Ntchisi rainforest area of the east-central Africa country. The buildings will serve as the home base of the organization's programs involving orphan support, education, health care, and job security.

In addition to skiing and riding on the resort's 44 trails and Jib Park, for a \$10 entry fee skiers can participate in a downhill slalom race. Tickets will be available for raffle items including sculpture art from Malawi, and a handcrafted quilt.

Established in 2004 by Hebron Academy teacher Janet Littlefield, the Friends of the Little Field Home mission is to create a long-term, loving, supportive and healthy environment for the over 100 orphans of the Ntchisi area, and to work with the community in self-sustaining programs.

A portion of the day's proceeds will benefit the organization's "Brick Campaign" to raise funds for the first construction phase of a seven-building orphanage campus, according to one of the event's coordinators, Patrick Shairs.

"Malawi is still a developing country," said Shairs, "and has over one million orphans and vulnerable children in need of help. FLEH has partnered with other NGOs including Africa Bags, Mzuzu Crisis Nursery, Loan Star Mi-

cro-finance Company, Mzuzu Coffee, Malawi Macadamia Nut Company, and the Ntchisi Development Trust Committee to research, brainstorm and develop the Ntchisi initiative in a collaborative manner."

Shairs is a member of Team Little Field Home, a group of 18 dedicated runners who are helping the nonprofit raise money and awareness by running in the Nashville Country Music Marathon on April 30, 2011 in Nashville Tennessee.

Shairs teaches at Hebron Academy, and will be joined by fellow teachers Bill Flynn, a director of the Little Field Home, Ian Cross, Austin Stonebraker, and Jennifer Loneragan at the Mt. Abram event and at the marathon.

The team is halfway toward their fundraising goal of \$40,000 for the "Brick Campaign."

"We are very grateful to Matt and the folks at Mt. Abram for opening their mountain to our fundraising efforts," said Shairs. "We hope that skiers and riders will support the amazing work of the Friends of the Little Field Home, and that they will have a great day doing so at Mt. Abram."

For more information about the Friends of the Little Field Home, please visit www.littlefieldhome.org.

For more information about the Mt. Abram event, please email info@skintabram.com or call 875-5000.



TEAM LITTLE FIELD HOME members ready their skis and snowboards for the Mt. Abram Ski Resort's "Ski for Charity" day on Sunday, March 27, to benefit the Friends of the Little Field Home orphanage in Malawi, Africa. Proceeds from lift ticket sales will benefit the "Friends of the Little Field Home," a nonprofit dedicated to creating a long-term, loving, supportive and healthy environment for the over 100 orphans of the Ntchisi area, and to working with the community in self-sustaining programs. In addition to skiing and riding on the resort's 44 trails and Jib Park, for a \$10 entry fee skiers can participate in a downhill slalom race, and tickets will be available for raffle items. Pictured are Bill Flynn, a director of the Little Field Home, Ian Cross, Patrick Shairs, Jennifer Loneragan, and Austin Stonebraker.

Pomona Grange met at Franklin Grange Hall on Tuesday, March 8.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met on Thursday, March 3, for a delightful program on Hobos and a good dinner by Ledgeview Auxiliary. Twenty members attended.

Services at the Baptist

Church are 9:15 Sunday school, 10:30 morning worship and 6 p.m. evening service. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. March 19 will be youth Activity-Game Night 5 p.m. and on Saturday, March 26 is the pie contest - men and women at 5 p.m.

In addition to the letter Lar-

ry Billings received from First Lady Michelle Obama, he has letters from five presidents and four first ladies.

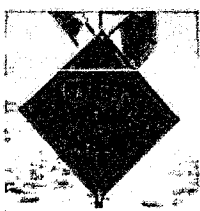
There are books in the Historical Society on presidents and first ladies.

Paul Billings has donated a two-volume set.

Meetings will soon start up again. Do plan to join them.



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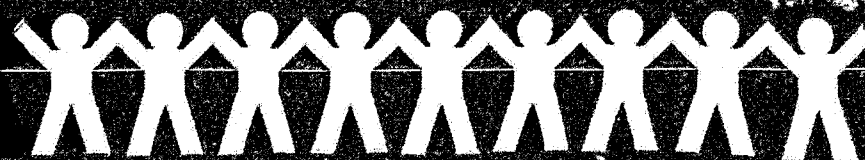
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WMSC: "Teaching in Costa Rica"

Bethel native Sarah Rackliffe spent last year as a World Teach volunteer, arriving in a tiny rural village in Costa Rica with little knowledge of Spanish. She lived with a Costa Rican family nearby and taught English to primary level students in the one-room schoolhouse. Sarah will describe these life-changing experiences and adventures and share her slides in the next Down Home Maine series sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College. Join us on Thursday, March 24, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium.

WMSC offers multi-session courses, workshops, outdoor activities, special events and social gatherings to members aged 50 and over.

The Down Home Maine series features unique and adventurous people from our own community. Programs are open to the public free of charge; donations are accepted to offset Senior College expenses. Light refreshments are available. For more information, contact WMSC co-chair, Bonnie Pooley, at 381-7944. Google Western Mountains Senior College to reach our website.

BHS: Summer internship offered

The Bethel Historical Society will sponsor a summer high school history internship again in 2011. Applicants should be fourteen to eighteen years of age, possess a strong interest in learning about local and regional history, and be highly motivated, honest and reliable. A group of local educators will review all applications, select candidates to be interviewed, and make recommendations to the society's executive director.

The Bethel Historical Society's internships are designed to provide significant historical education experiences for qualified students at Telstar Regional High School and Gould Academy in grades 9-12. During July and August, interns participate in a variety of activities, including house museum interpretation, historical walk-

ing tours, exhibit research and preparation, special event and programming development, and collections management. This educational opportunity, which includes a \$1,000 stipend for the two-month period, offers important public history experiences and numerous insights into the preservation and interpretation of local and regional history.

Internship applications may be picked up at the society's main office in the Robinson House (10 Broad Street) or downloaded from the society's website www.bethelhistorical.org, and should be submitted by 1 June 2011. A decision will be made by 15 June and the internship will begin on 27 June and continue until 27 August 2011. A stipend of \$1,000 will be paid (in two installments) to the successful applicant.



BOXING CHAMP—Cody Haas, 16, of Bethel last week took first place in the 132-pound division of the New England Silver Mittens Youth Boxing Tournament in Lowell, Mass. Haas, a sophomore at Telstar High School, is shown here with his instructor, Dick Kimber of Berlin, N.H. (Submitted photo)

School Lunch

Week of March 21

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Super nachos, meat sauce w/chips, whole kernel corn, or Sunbutter and jelly.
Tuesday: Homemade lasagna, garlic toast, steamed mixed veggies or Sunbutter and Jelly.
Wednesday: Pizza choices, Caesar salad, Fruit Bar, or Sunbutter and Jelly.
Thursday: No School.
Friday: No School.
Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).

Mundt-Allen plans activities

The regular meeting of Mundt-Allen Unit was preceded by an oyster stew and lasagna supper in honor of The American Legion's Birthday.

Members voted to sponsor a Flea Market at the Post on May 14. As space is limited, anyone in the community that is interested in a table is encouraged to contact Jeri Greenwell at 824-2532. Tables will be available for \$10 and must be obtained prior to the day of the sale.

Ramona Grover will coordinate with the Telstar Guidance Department the Unit's selection of its delegate to attend Girl State in June and Carol Everett, the selection process for the person to represent the Unit as Miss Poppy.

Following the business portion of the meeting, Tina Roberge demonstrated how to create a diaper cake. With her guidance and ingredients, those present made one to be presented to a pregnant homeless veteran at Togus Veterans Administration Hospital.

A letter was read from JoAnne McMahon, co-chairman for Maine Handicapped Skiing Veterans No Boundaries program thanking the Unit

for its participation.

A report was given on the Bake Sale that was held on Feb. 20. The Unit again wishes to express its gratitude to the Bethel Foodliner for providing the venue for this fundraising effort and to the many patrons. Thanks were also extended to the following members for providing delicacies: Eliza Barnes, Mary Paine, Eleanor Brooks, Carol Everett, Maryvonne Wheeler, Barbara Brooks, Jan and Richard Hale, Deb Wheeler, Carol Crockett, Debbie Snow, Edleen Winslow, Ramona Grover, Neta Littlefield, Christy Feeney, Fumi Head and Jeri Greenwell.

In recognition of the Unit's recent donation, a banner was received from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

The next Unit meeting will be a Kitchen Shower on April 12. Members are asked to bring a "gift" to help replenish items desperately needed. As this is also the time of year that the Unit presents its new slate of officers for the ensuing year, any member wishing to hold office is encouraged to attend this meeting.

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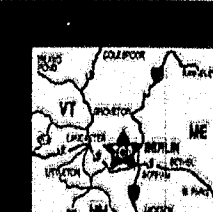
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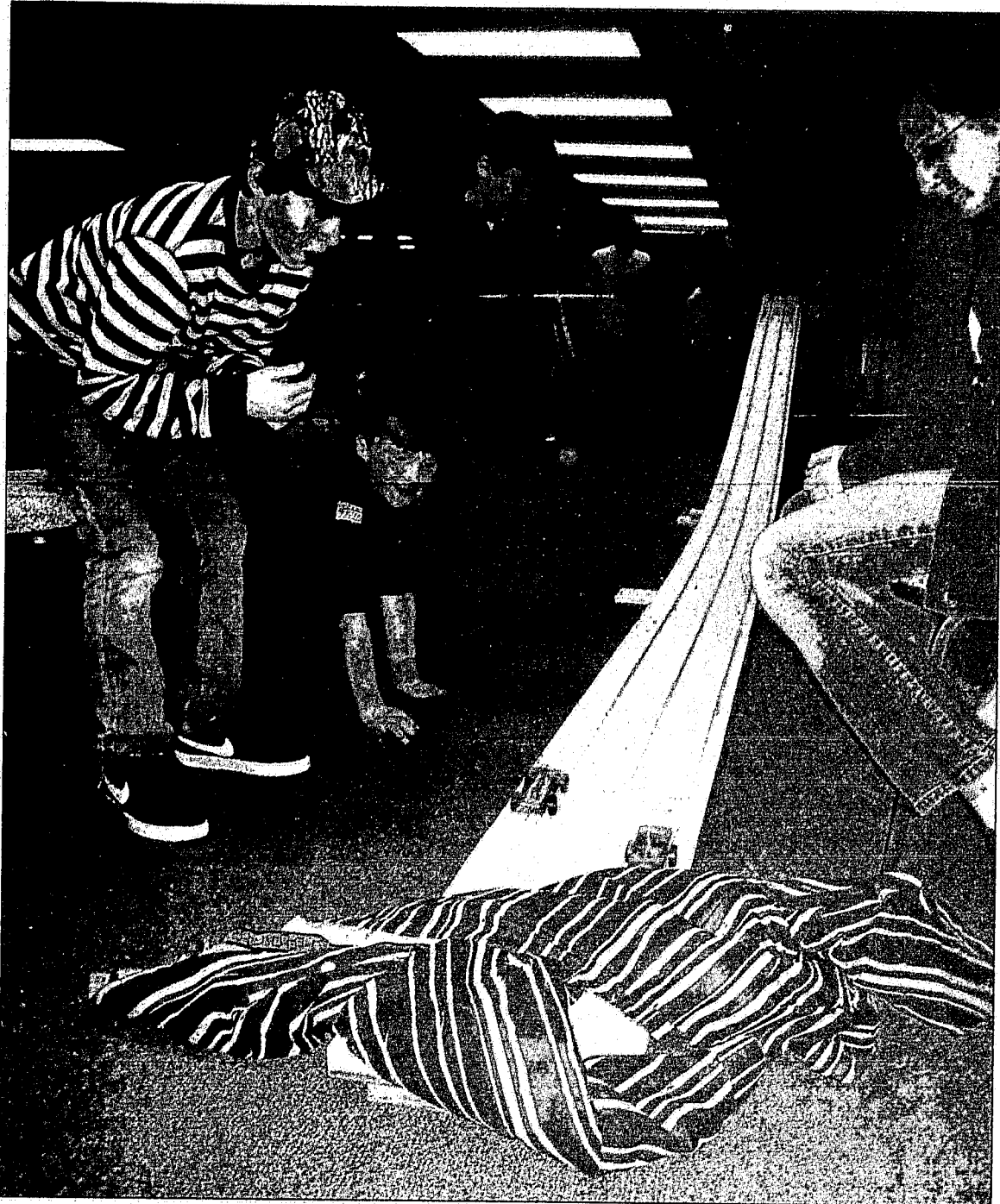
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Samuel Corriveau (in blue uniform) watches his red car ride the track.

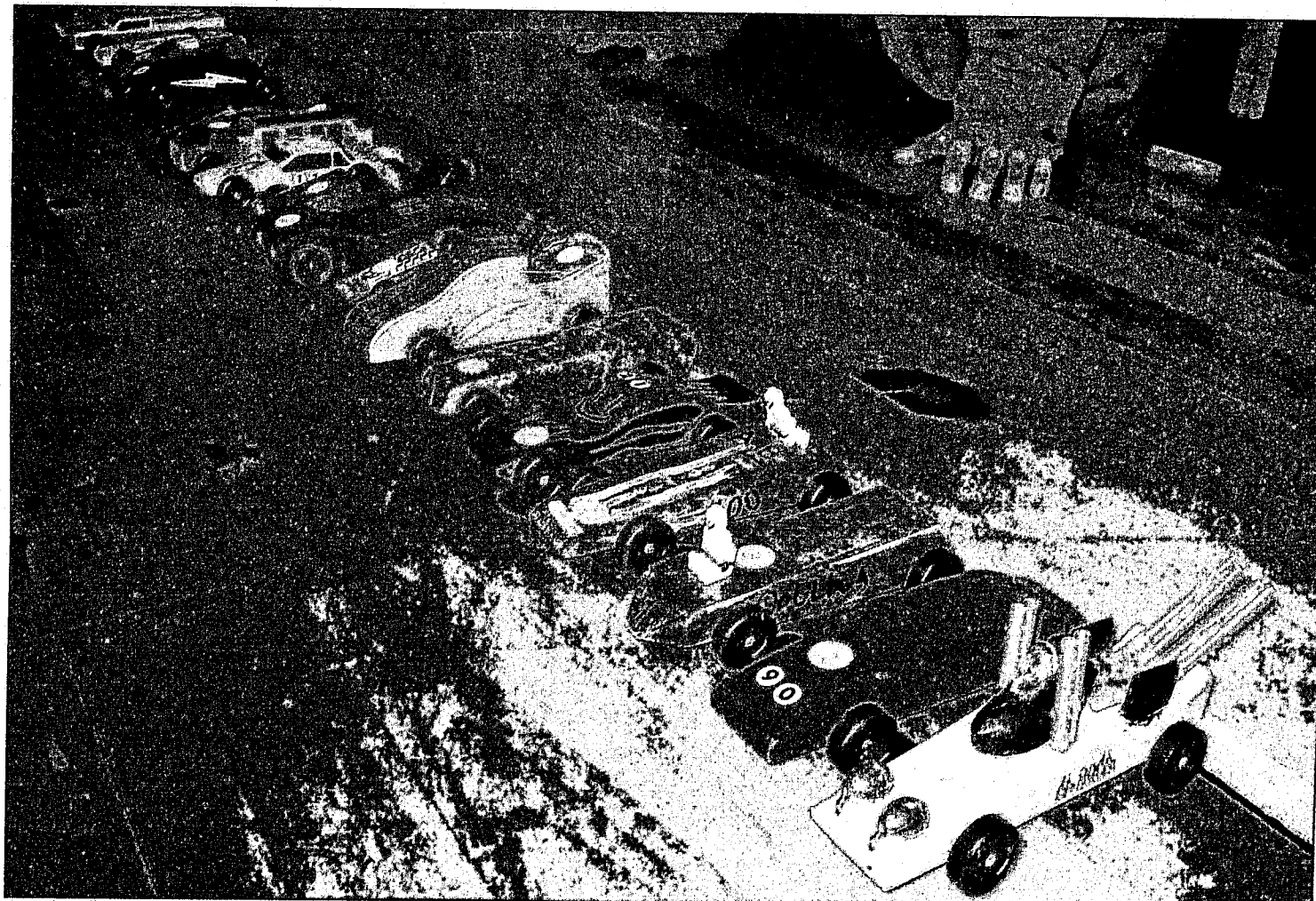
Scouts compete in Pinewood Derby



Trophy winners Orion Fornier, Huntley Blair and Alan White.

The local Cub Scouts of America Troop 566 held their annual Pinewood Derby last week. All three packs, the Tigers, Wolves and Bears competed against their pack-mates in a round-robin style race. Two cars at a time sped down the track with volunteer judges waiting at the finish line. The scouts had each been given a car kit for Christmas. There are certain specifications for the building of each car, width, height, and weight not to exceed 5 ounces. At check-in, each car must meet the standard criteria. They are weighed, and must fit within the confines of a box's narrow walls. Weigh-in was conducted by Kelly Harrington and assisted by her son, Keith who is a Boy Scout. Many Scouts arrived early the day of the race to allow maximum time for modifications, should their car need them. Whether they be seasoned racers or first-timers, the Scouts were busy sanding, grinding, altering their weight and checking out the competition. The goal of the Pinewood Derby is to create and strengthen life skills. Throughout the entire process the Scouts learn compassion, courage, perseverance, positive-attitude, resourcefulness and respect. The skills are among the Core Values instituted within the Cub Scouts aim. First, second and third places were awarded to each pack. For the Tigers: 1st Place-Samuel Corriveau, 2nd Place-Ben Godomsky, 3rd Place- Nick Godomsky. Nick wasn't able to attend so his brother, Ben, raced and accepted his trophy for him. Results for the Wolves: 1st Place-Darren LeClair, 2nd Place-Orion Fornier, 3rd Place-Wyatt Thielbar. For the Bears: 1st Place - Kory Harrington, 2nd Place-Shane Ojeda, 3rd Place-Dakota Albert. There were three additional trophies given: Best Paint Job-Orion Fornier, Best in Show-Huntley Blair and Most Original- Alan White. Any Scout not receiving a trophy was decorated with an award depicting a derby car, hung from an Olympic-style ribbon. Friends and family of Scouts were also allowed to race a car of their own design, within the same guidelines as the Scouts. "Pinky," raced by Cynara Connoll, was defeated after two consecutive wins, by "Pinky Jr.," raced by Selena Ojeda, whose older brother, Shane, is a Bear Scout. The 1st and 2nd Place winners from each pack will compete at the District level in Auburn in April.

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Keith Harrington checks Samuel Corriveau's car to make sure all four tires touch the table.

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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL
Front: Dominic Haines (December Athlete of the Month); T.J. O'Connor (Coaches Award and Academic All-Star); Ben Fields (December Athlete of the Month and MVC Second Team All-Star). Back: Danny Vaughn (MVC First Team All-Star, February Athlete of the Month, Rebounding Award); Elek Pew (Defensive Award, January Athlete of the Month, Academic All-Star); Mike Delduca (January Athlete of the Month).



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Front: Maisey Griffin (Athlete of the Month); Cheyanne Day (MVC All-Star Honorable Mention, MVC Academic All-Star, Team Rebounder Award); Jenny Wakefield (Athlete of the Month). Back: Emma Davis (MVC 2nd Team All-Stars, Team Anchor Award); Hali Barter (Team Spirit Award); Nicena Walker (MVC All-Star Honorable Mention, Team Hustle Award). Absent: Autum Morin (Athlete of the Month).



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Front: Matthew Keane (February Athlete of the Month); Ja Vadhanachai. Back: Ben Lewis (MVC First and Second Team All-Star, Rebel award); Adam Mahar (MVC First Team All-Star x2, Hustle Award); Casey Kellner (January Athlete of the Month).



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL ALPINE SKIING
From left: Morgan Lee (MVC Academic All Star Award, MVC Alpine Second Team All Star Award); Telstar Alpine Female MVP Award; Cody Bolvin (Telstar Alpine Male MVP Award); Tyler James (Telstar Alpine Male Most Improved Award). Absent: Ross Wright (Telstar Alpine Female Most Improved Award).

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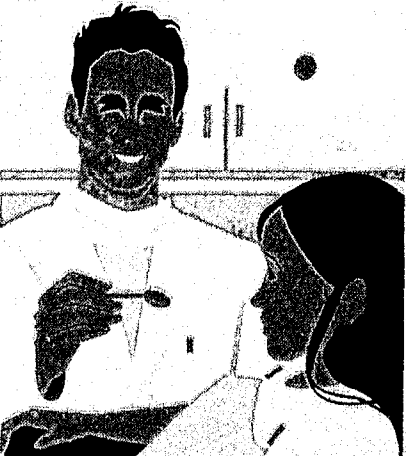
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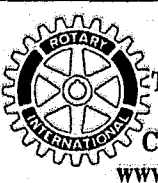
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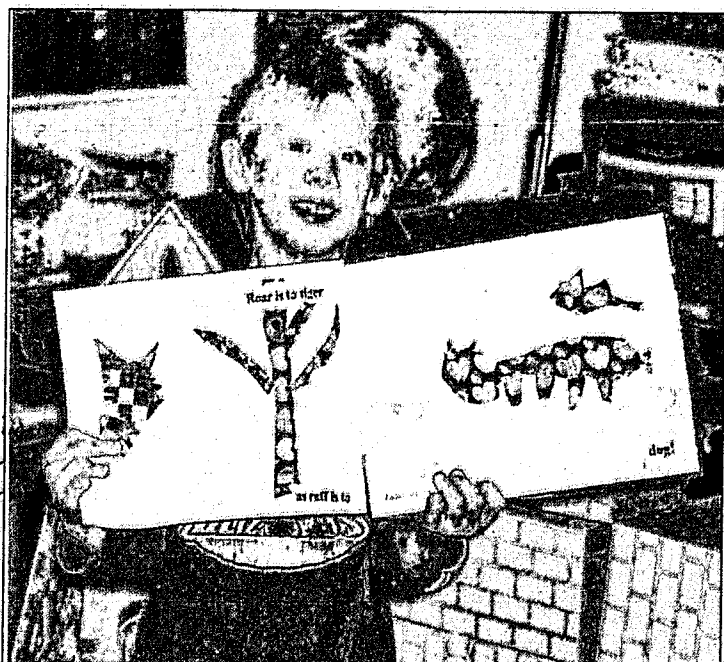
ANDOVER ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Sabin's K/1 students are pictured displaying a book they created on analogies. After reading a published book by fourth-grade students in Bridgeport, Conn., called *Animalogies*, the class members decided to write and illustrate their own.

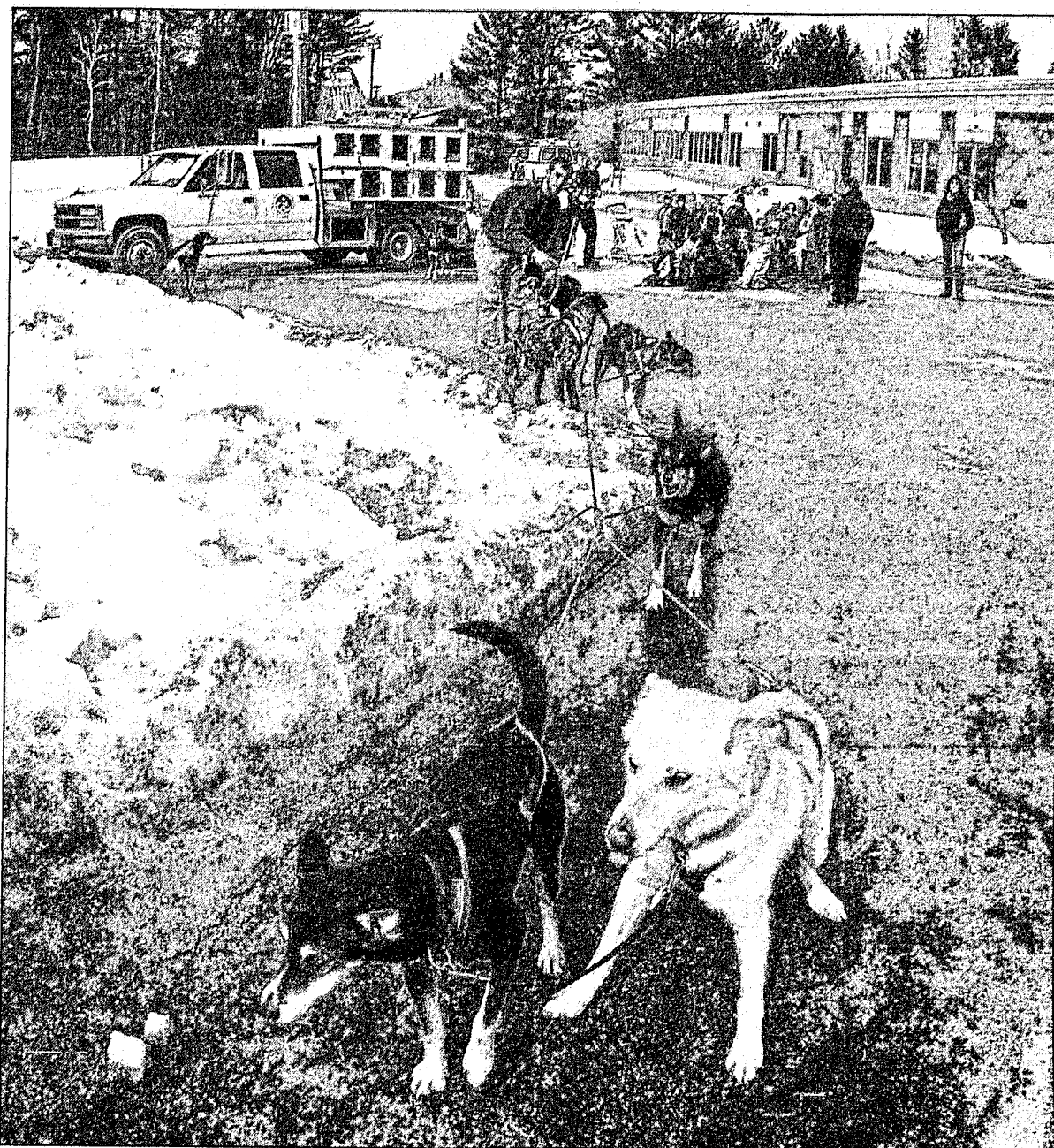


Maddy Irish, Codi Duclos and April Thurston show off their painted ping pong paddles after participating in Chinese calligraphy lessons.



First-grader Zach Crosby displays his analogy page.

CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY



Steve Crone and his dogs from New England Dogsledding visited first-graders at CPS this week. The classes have studied maps and animals recently, and Crone, who has competed in the Iditarod dogsled race in Alaska, brought the two subjects together for them.



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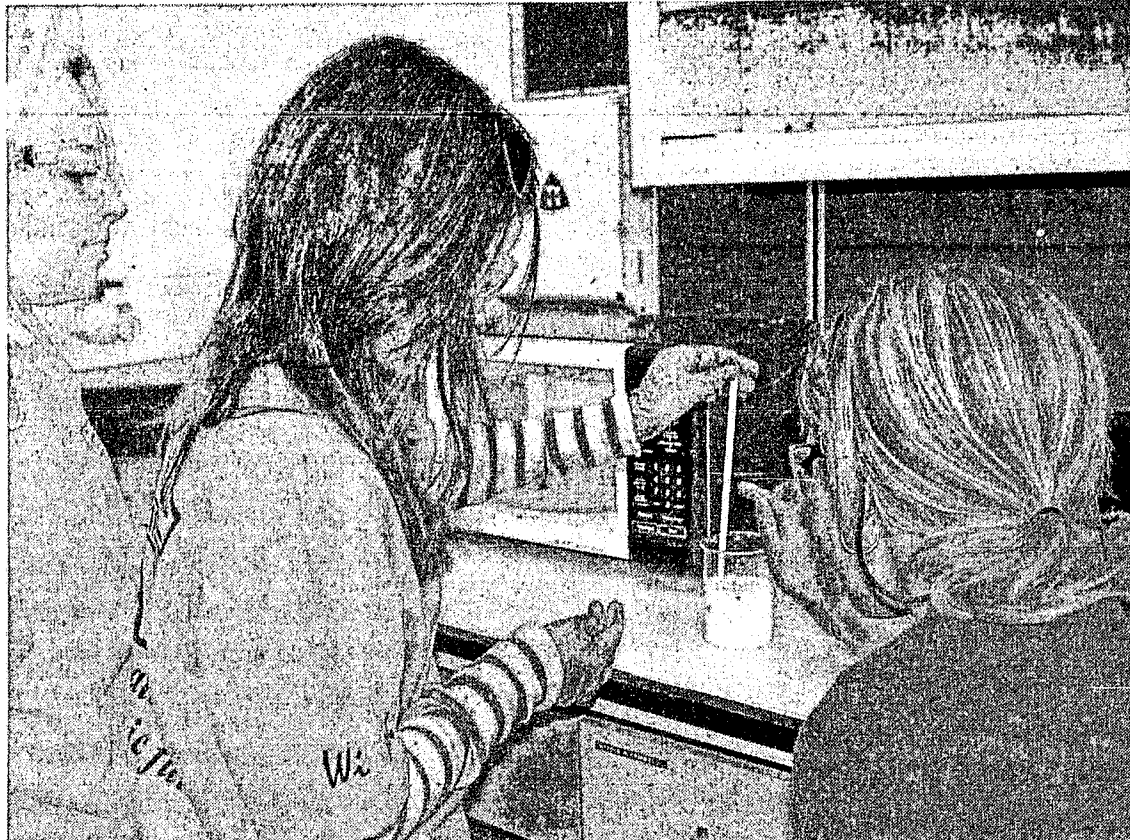
Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

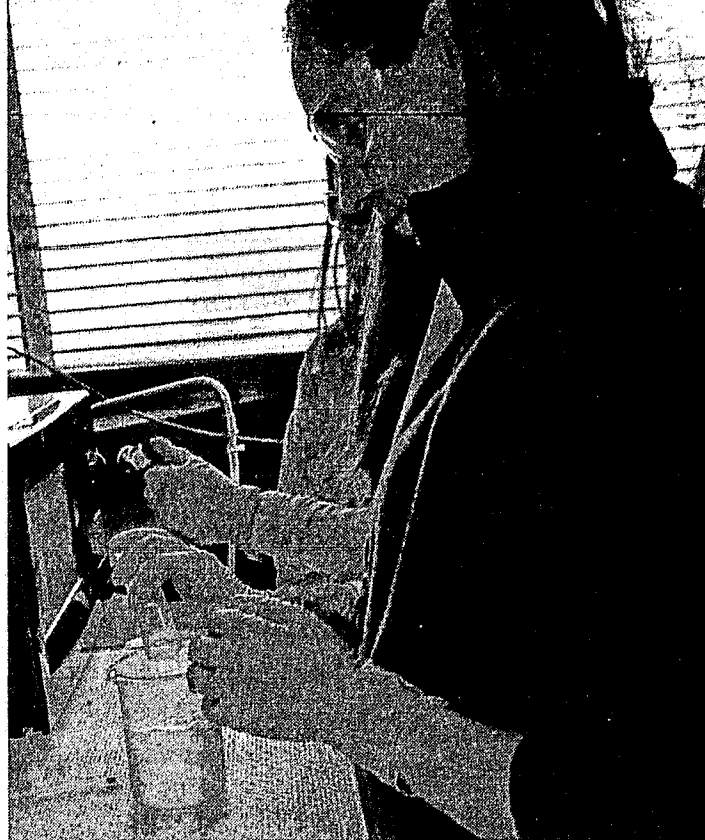
This month's pictures we are highlighting the wonderful opportunity our Telstar Middle School students had during February vacation week at UMO. Our students, along with Middle school students from Dirigo and Oxford Hills attended the Maine Engineering Day at UMO. The two day program was sponsored by University of Maine Engineering and University of Maine Cooperative Extension. The UMO Engineering students presented to the students hands on activities to see how much fun and rewarding a career in Engineering can be. The students also visited Maine Bound for an afternoon of Rock climbing. Our thanks to the many people who made this trip possible!

The month of March is very busy at our elementary schools - 2 new sessions of Karate have started with 17 students from WES participating this session. At CPS we are busy with our spring play - "The Wizard of Oz" with 20 students. The performance will be on April 15th both for the school and the community. More information will follow. Have a great spring!

- Julie Hart, MKA Director



Annie, Skye and Ali doing an experiment to make plastic out of milk!



Becca adding the secret ingredient!



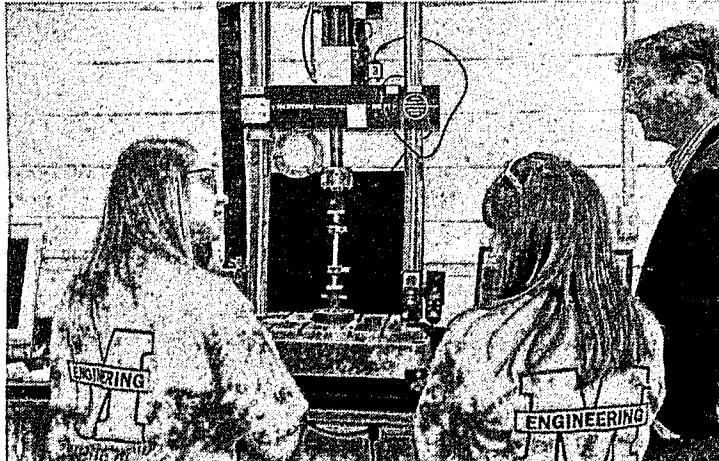
Mariah waiting for the Physics presentation - looking through the magnifying glass!



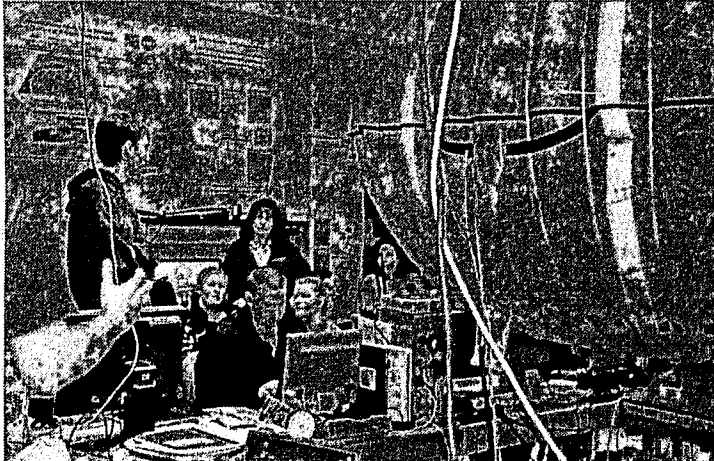
Skye, Machanizie, Kristie, & Alice setting up to try the plastic experiment.



Anna inside the inflatable space shelter!



Two Dirigo students ask questions of the UMO professor.



UMO students presenting a slide show on sensors to Kallie, Kristie, Mrs White, and Skye.



Dirigo Middle school students in hard hat area waiting for a presentation on Building Bridges.



Skye, Regan, and Alice waiting for the sign to start their experiment!



Kaylee, Machanizie, Kirstie, Anna & Regan gearing up for some rock climbing.



Makayla and two students from Dirigo Middle School all set to tackle the climbing wall.



Skye, Annie, Ali, and Becca waiting their turn to go rock climbing.

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Community Calendar

Indoor Winter Walking at Telstar Regional High School: Monday-Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.

Thursday, March 17

1 to 2 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus Mobile Office Bingo** with a twist at Brownfield Community Center. Free. Reservations required (800) 427-1241. Mobile Office cancels trip if snow and ice.

Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **The American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Campaign** volunteers selling bouquets of 10 daffodils for \$10 at Bethel Foodliner. FMI: Caroline Gould 824-3226.

Friday, March 18

4 to 7 p.m. - **Fish Fry** at Holy Savior Catholic School, St. Athanasius and St. John's Church Hall (basement of church). Tickets: \$8 adults, \$6 children ages 4 to 12, children 3 and under free, available at door or in advance at Hair Design, Oxford Lanes, Davis Florist and Holy Savior School. FMI: 364-2528.

5:30 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper** at First Universalist Church, West Paris. Bring dish to share and bring a favorite game if you wish. Non-members also invited.

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Local Knowledge 2010-11** presents **Bat Hibernation in Maine** with David Yates of Biodiversity Research Institute takes place at Rumford Public Library. FMI or inclement weather: 824-3806.

Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents **The Odd Improv Show**. Tickets: \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 for 12 and under. FMI: 336-3306 or e-mail mike@oddfellow.com

Saturday, March 19

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - **Flea Market and Bake Sale** at Lovell United Church of Christ, Route 5, Center Lovell. Something for everyone. Lunch, baked goods, crafts, flea market items, antique furniture. Table rental or more info: Linda Libby (925-3661).

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** moderate snowshoe through Maggie Ring Easement, bordering South Pond, Greenwood and climbing up to Peaked Mountain. Winter gear, hiking poles recommended. Bring lunch/water. Meeting in parking area on Greenwood Road. FMI: 824-3806 or mlt@mahoosuc.org

10 a.m. - **Chinese Auction** at Advent Christian Church, Route 26, Oxford (by Wal-Mart). Refreshments available. FMI: Peggy 357-7072.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents **The Boston Bubble Guy** at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance \$6/door \$8, 12 and under \$4/\$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Saturdays, March 19 and 26

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Cost: \$5 adults. Lunch counter open.

Sunday, March 20

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **NRA Basic Pistol Course** taught by NRA certified instructors from Western Maine Property Protection LLC offered at Pooh Corner Farm, Greenwood and Florist, Bog Road, Bethel. FMI and details: 739-9774.

10 a.m. - **Maple Syrup Sap Collecting Contest** at Waterford Fairgrounds. If not a member of the club you may join that day. FMI: call Ron Hall at 461-9898.

7:30 to 11 a.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast** sponsored by Rotary Club of Bethel at Ordway Dining Hall, Gould Academy, Bethel. Tickets: adults \$8, 12 and under \$3. Tickets in advance \$7, may be purchased from club members, The Inn at Rostay, River View Resort and Mt. Mann Jewelers. Proceeds benefit club's community projects and scholarships.

Monday, March 21

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>

March 21 thru April 2

Waterford Memorial Library closed for renovations. Do not return books the two weeks library closed. FMI: 583-2050.

Tuesday, March 22

7 p.m. - **SWOAM** (Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine) meeting at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Forum on Maine Tree Growth Tax and other tax programs such as Open Space and Farmland. Public welcome. FMI: Merle Ring 441-3276.

Thursday, March 24

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"Teaching in Costa Rica"** by Bethel native Sarah Rackliffe at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium, sponsored by Down Home Maine series of

Western Mountains Senior College. FMI: Bonnie Pooley 381-7944 or Google Western Mountains Senior College.

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents **Shoe Box Tour 2011** with gold medal jugglers. Tickets: \$11 all ages - suitable for all ages. FMI: 336-3306 or e-mail mike@oddfellow.com

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 24, 25 and 26

Third annual Dumont Cup at Sunday River Ski Resort. \$20,000 in cash/prizes. Amateurs ski with pros. Qualifiers: Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and determine the top qualifiers sent to semi-finals Saturday. Registration: \$100 includes lift ticket (www.dumontcup.com). FMI: www.sundayriver.com. Event subject to change. Sponsored by Red Bull, Target, Oakley, Nike 6.0, Sunday River, Salomon, Toyota, Giro, PowerBar, Empire and Kicker.

1 to 4 p.m. - **Auditions for "Narnia"** at The Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Road (Route 114), Standish, just north of Routes 114 and 35. FMI: 642-3743 or education@schoolhousearts.org, or e-mail Micheal Hjort at mhjort@maine.rr.com

Friday, March 25

7 p.m. - **Cafe Chocolat** at Norway Memorial Library. Tickets: free (pick up before March 22). FMI: 743-5300 ext 1 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us.

All Day - **Maine Garden Day**, sponsored by University of Maine Cooperative Extension at Lewiston High School, 156 East Avenue, Lewiston. 35 gardening workshops and trade show with plants, seeds and tools to purchase. Dealing limited (first come-first served). FMI and register: (800) 287-1482 or (207) 743-6329 (out of state). Cost: \$5 includes breakfast, lunch and all workshops.

Saturday, March 26

All day - **26th Annual Maine Handicapped Skiing Ski-A-Thon** at Sunday River.

9 to 2 p.m. - **Yard Sale** at American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. 50/50 tickets. Lunch counter open.

2 p.m. - **"Maine's Margaret Chase Smith: Image and Icon"** presented by Dr. Stanley R. Howe, Bethel Historical Society associate director and director of education and research, at the Dr. Moses Mason House exhibit hall (14 Broad Street). FMI: 824-2908, e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit www.bethelhistorical.org

5 p.m. - **Maine Baked Bean Cook-Off** at Lovell United Church of Christ, to benefit Ronald Ashworth Memorial Pilgrim Lodge Campership Fund. Everyone welcome. Enter your favorite bean casserole \$10. Come and taste - donations at door. Trophies for winners.

7:30 p.m. - Fryeburg Academy presents **Phil Keaggy and Randy Stonehill** in concert at the academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. FMI: 935-9232.

8 p.m. - **Mud Season Fling Charitable Concert** at Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Mahoosuc Arts will be beneficiary. Special guest: Phil Poirier. Admission: \$10. Silent Auction table.

Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27

1 to 4 p.m. - **Auditions for "Truly Talented Kids Variety Show."** Singers, dancers, musicians, actors ages 19 and younger. FMI: 642-3743 or e-mail education@schoolhousearts.org or e-mail mhjort@maine.rr.com.

Saturdays, March 26 and April 9

Yard Sales - American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Tables, \$10. each. Call Jean Britton 739-2236.

Sunday, March 27

Maple Syrup Sunday.

SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket/free rental/free adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

10 a.m. - **21st annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters' Race** at White Cap Base Lodge, Sunday River Ski Resort. Proceeds benefit Maine Handicapped Skiing.

Tuesday, March 29

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshop at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **"Bethel's Next Big Winter Project"** brainstorming session at Funky Red Barn. Light refreshments. All invited.

7 p.m. - The U.S. Navy Sea Chanters will perform a free concert as part of the Mahoosuc Arts Council's Gould Performing Arts Series at the Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street in Bethel. Free admission - ticket reservations required (824-3575).

Wednesday, March 30

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **"Colon Cancer Screening" Which Test is Best?** by Robert Kahn, M.C., of Western Maine Surgery at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building. Dinner provided. Free. Registration required. FMI or register: (866) 609-5183 or visit Western Maine Health at www.wmhcc.org

7 p.m. - **Navy Sea Chanters, Navy Band Chorus** at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. Presentation by Mahoosuc Arts Council. Tickets: free. Free to Gould Academy faculty, staff and students. FMI: 824-3575.

Thursday, March 31

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. - **Tools for Easier Living: Assistive Devices for the Home** at Board Room, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Free. Registration required. FMI and registration: (866) 609 5183 or visit www.wmhcc.org.

6:30 p.m. - **Beyond the Snapshot: Using Photography to Tell a Story** by Scott Vlaun at Norway Memorial Library. Free and open to public. FMI: 743-5309 Ext. 1 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us.

6:30 p.m. - **Bethel District Exchange** meeting rescheduled - formerly March 10. FMI: Cathy Newell 875-2116.

Friday, April 1

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Local Knowledge 2010-11** presents **"Endurance Riding"** with Kathy Brunjes and Tom Hutchinson at Trustees Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy. FMI: 824-3806, e-mail info@mahoosuc.org or visit www.mahoosuc.org

Saturday, April 2

7:30 p.m. - **Kate Redgate** performs at Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$15, \$10 seniors, \$5 students available at box office (935-9232) or at www.fryeburgacademy.org

Sunday, April 3

3rd annual Snowmobile SledHEAD Mania at Mt. Abram Ski Resort, antique sled track races and hill climb drags 73 and older, to benefit Wild River Riders' snowmobile club, Gilead. Rain or shine. Uncle Henry's listed the race on March 13, which is incorrect. 7 to 9 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. Drivers meeting; 10 a.m. races start. Door prizes. FMI: 890-9720.

Mondays, April 4 and 25

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>

Wednesday, April 6

6 to 8 p.m. - **"Why Can't Johnny B. Goode at Home?"** at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Board Room. Discussion on challenging behaviors and positive ways to handle behaviors at home. Free. Registration required. FMI or register: (866) 609-5183.

Thursday, April 7

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Creating Healthy Salads** offered by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building. Cost: \$10. Registration required. FMI: (866) 609-5183.

Friday, April 8

6 p.m. - **Spring Fever Bingo** at American Legion Hall, Greenwood, to benefit Woodstock Honor Roll Expansion Project.

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Saturday, April 9

7 p.m. - **"Be Somebody," Amazing Hero Art Show** presentation by Rob Surette at Mountain Valley High School, Rumford. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door will benefit Holy Savior Youth Ministry. To purchase tickets, contact Elaine Palmer (364-4696) Diane Perry at Franklin Savings Bank in Rumford/Mexico or Holy Savior Youth Ministry youth FMI: www.amazingheroart.com

Sunday, April 10

12 to 6 p.m. - **Fundraiser** for Bethel EMT Mindy Evans at Locke Mills Legion. Meal, raffles, entertainment in afternoon. FMI: call Mike Jodrey at 749-1915.

Tuesday, April 12

5 to 9:30 p.m. - **Supper/Dance** at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Music by Richard Felt Band. Ham supper by American Legion Auxiliary. Doors open 4 p.m.

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People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

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Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369 3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St. Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

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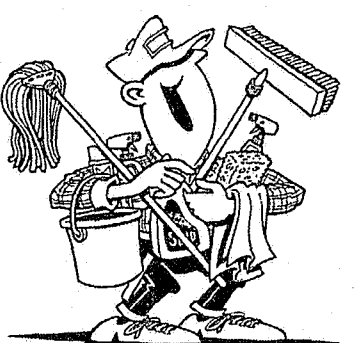
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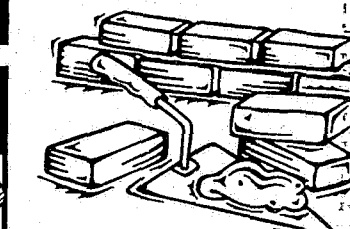
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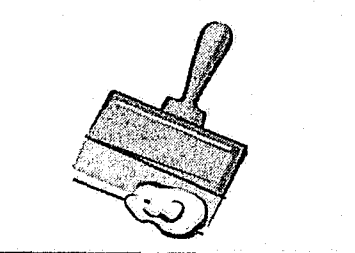


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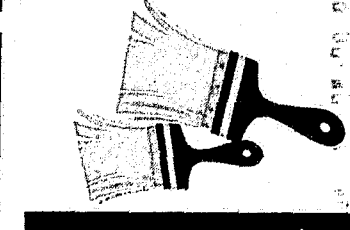
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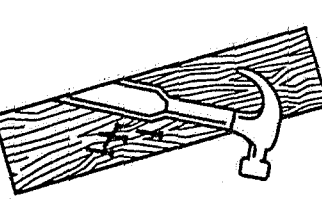
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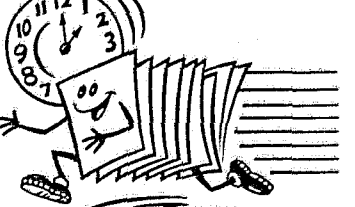


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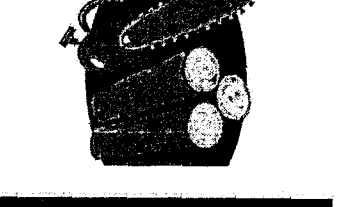


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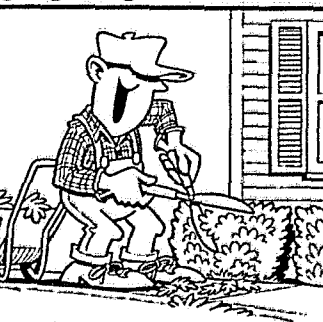
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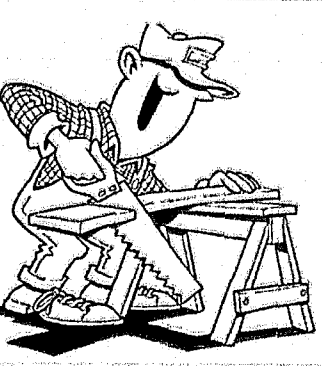


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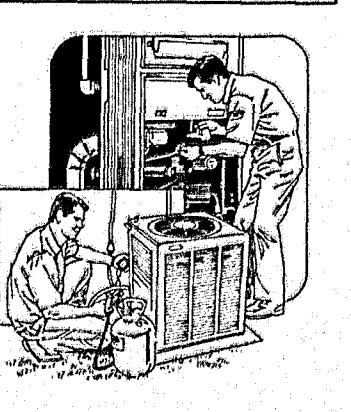
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Bethel girl raises \$1,300 for MHS

Maddox Ormiston skis nearly every weekend, mostly with the Gould Academy Competition program at Sunday River. Maddox was scheduled to be at Shawnee Peak with other GACP racers on Sunday, but Maddox had other places to be.

Instead, the 11 year-old from Bethel was needed at another racing program here at Sunday River and she had an important presentation to make.

Last year, Maddox started organizing and hosting design parties for Anna Street bags, a role that earns her commission from the sales of the bags.

"Anna Street encourages using the money for fundraising. That was where I came up with the idea to put the money toward Maine Handicapped Skiing," Maddox said. In the past two winters, Maddox has donated over \$1,300 to Maine Handicapped Skiing.

As she presented this year's donation during a busy program day on Sunday, Maddox explained, "It is an organization I am familiar with because we ski at Sunday River, and get to see the volunteers out teaching kids and adults. Also, a friend of mine got bone cancer in his leg and had it amputated. He now skis with MHS. It is cool seeing all the kids being able to ski, and it is very rewarding to be able to help."

Maddox also spent the morning supporting an adaptive ski race for some of the more experienced skiers with disabilities.

MHS and Sunday River hosted a ski race on the regional Diana Golden adaptive alpine race series, which features divisions modeled after those used by the Paralympics; sitting, standing, blind/visually impaired.

Maddox and another young fundraiser from the GACP program, Sam Rotner (14) of Swampscot, Mass., served as forerunners for Sunday's adaptive GS race, and were available to support skiers and the race as needed.

After the race, Maddox and Sam got a warm lunchtime reception at the MHS lodge from about 20 MHS general program participants, as well as many of their families, vol-

unteer instructors and MHS staff. Sam described the scene, "This is a great place, everyone is happy, they are all helping each other, it's a good atmosphere. It feels really good to know that Maddox and I could help."

There are currently hundreds of individuals and five-person teams actively fundraising for Maine Handicapped Skiing in anticipation of the 26th annual MHS Ski-A-Thon at Sunday River on Saturday, March 26.

Sam and Maddox hoped to help provide some additional motivation for those trying to raise at least \$200 in support of their team's \$1,000 minimum.

Teams of five that raise at least \$1,000 in donations and pledges before Ski-A-Thon day earn free lift tickets, all meals, countless daylong activities and events through the resort and at the Outdoor Center. When asked what advice he would give to other MHS fundraisers, Sam replied "they should just do it, two weeks is plenty of time to help a lot."

Teams and individuals can still register and participate in the Ski-A-Thon by visiting Maine Handicapped Skiing's website at www.skimhs.org or by calling 824-2440 or emailing info@skimhs.org.

Ski-a-Thon
On Saturday, March 26, at Sunday River Resort, Maine Handicapped Skiing will host the 26th Annual MHS Ski-A-Thon. New participants and five-person teams are registering daily and soliciting pledges and donations on behalf of Maine's largest adaptive recreation program for people with disabilities.

Ski-A-Thon teams that raise \$1,000 or more by the day of the event receive free lift tickets, meals, participation in countless activities throughout the resort and invitation to a festive celebration that evening.

Roughly 800 people are expected to participate in this year's Ski-A-Thon and new individuals and teams are registering daily.

While a few make the requested minimum through an individual donation themselves, most solicit friends, family and co-workers in person or via a personalized webpage they create on First-

giving.com in the days and weeks leading up to the event. Maine Handicapped Skiing is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so all donations through the Ski-A-Thon are tax deductible.

This year's event will feature all of the usual activities, as well as some exciting new features. For years, skiers and riders have enjoyed a tropical-themed obstacle course, a fun race through gates on Sunday River's race arena, and games and races at the Sunday River Outdoor Center.

This year, MHS has also added a "Find Your Happy Place" on-mountain scavenger hunt, during which all who participate will be entered to win an Otter kayak donated by Old Town Canoe & Kayak. Also new this year, individual Ski-A-Thon fundraisers who raise \$1,000 or more themselves will be entered to win an Apple iPad.

Beginning Thursday, March 10, Ski-A-Thon participants and the general public are able to purchase raffle tickets for the annual drawing that takes place at the Ski-A-Thon awards ceremony.

This year's prizes include a Wilderness Systems sea kayak, a week stay in SoHo NYC and an Xbox 360 gaming system. Tickets start at \$5 each and one does not need to be present at the event to win.

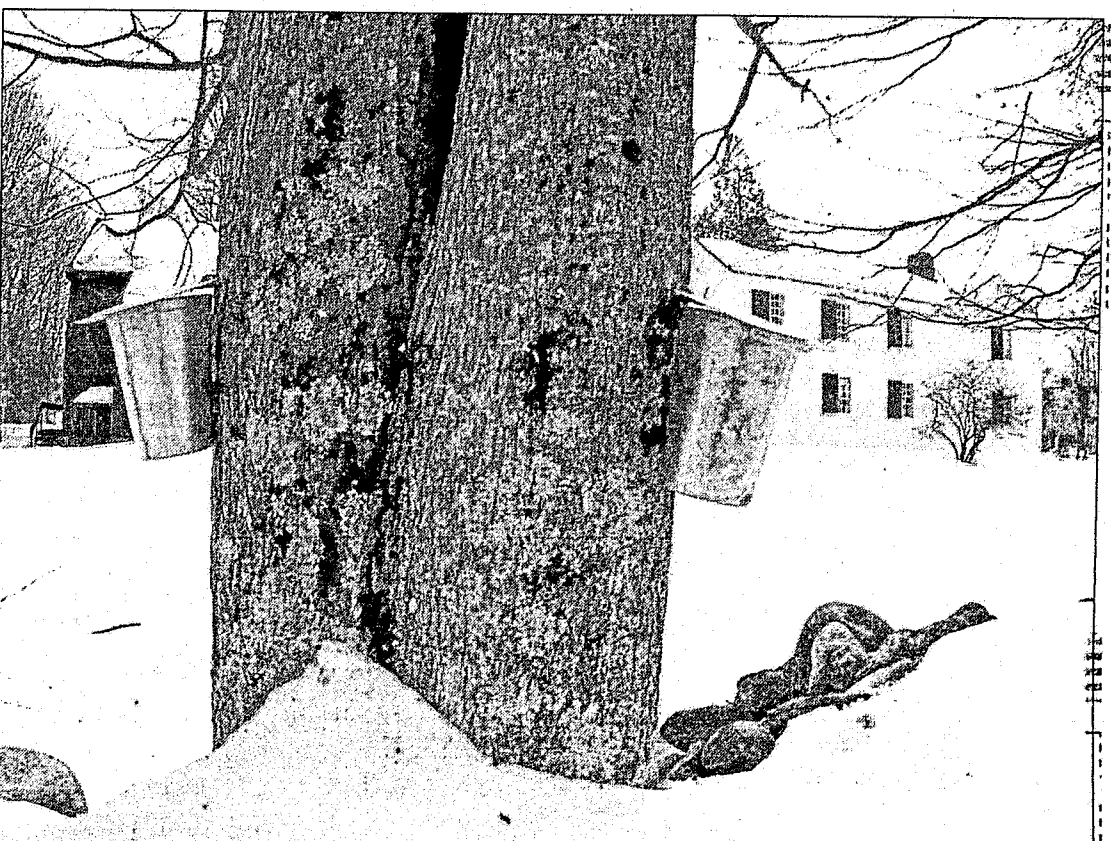
The Ski-A-Thon is Maine Handicapped Skiing's flagship annual event, and often raises nearly 65 percent of the organization's annual operating budget. MHS is Maine's largest year-round adaptive recreation organization serving children and adults with physical disabilities.

Over 350 people with disabilities take adaptive lessons in alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing in the winter and golf, paddling and cycling lessons in the summer. All MHS programs are free of charge, thanks in part to the generosity of thousands of Ski-A-Thon donors.

Skiers or riders looking to spend a free and fulfilling day on the ski slopes and nordic trails can join the 26th Annual MHS Ski-A-Thon anytime before March 26 by calling 824-2440, visiting www.skimhs.org or e-mailing info@skimhs.org.



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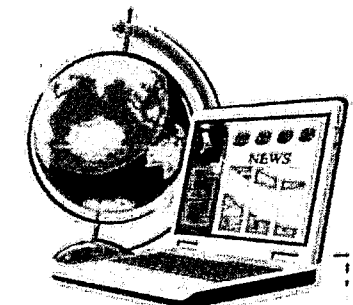


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Duguay Lane, Greenwood \$239,900; Beautiful 3 bedroom house with large mudroom, wood burning fireplace and views of Mt. Abram! Open living area, kitchen with stainless appliances, sunlight fills the living room which also offers a wood burning stone fireplace and glass sliders leading to nice front deck! The full, unfinished daylight basement offers many options. Great location with easy access to snowmobile trails as well as the slopes!



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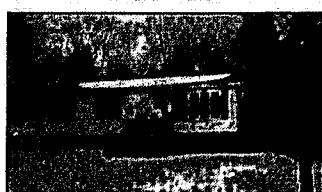
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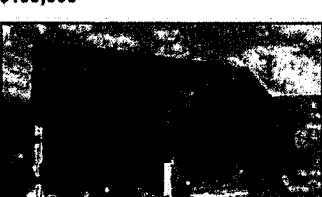
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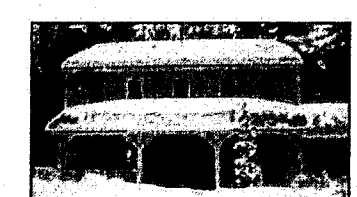
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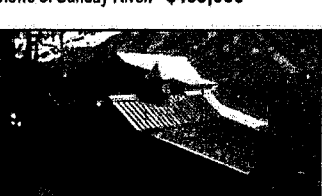
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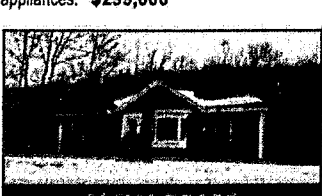
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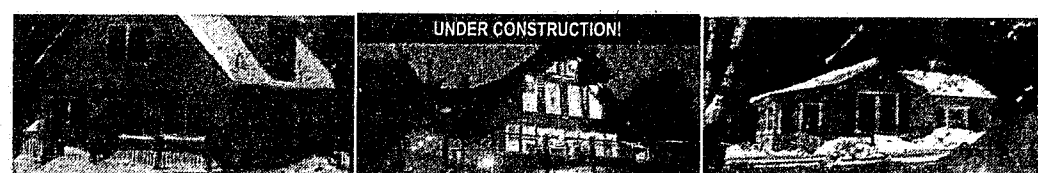
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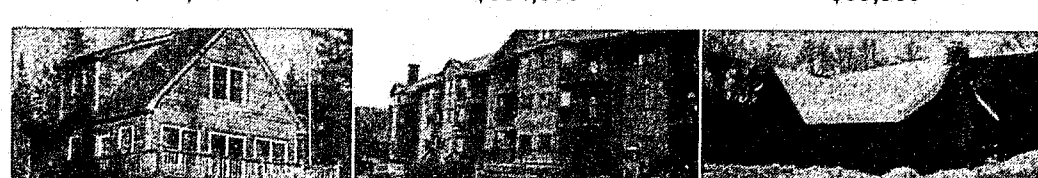
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Obituaries



LAURA MAE HALACY

Laura Mae Halacy, 94, of the Milton Road, Milton Township, died Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at the Norway Living Center, Norway, Maine, with her loving family by her side.

She was born in Norway, Maine, on March 3, 1917, the daughter of Nathan and Grace (Bean) Ethridge, and graduated from Norway High School Class of 1935.

Laura enjoyed camping, gardening, knitting and spending time with her family.

For a few years she had worked at the Bethel IGA Store.

She had a great sense of humor and loved to tell stories about the old days.

She was married in Rumford Center, Maine, on May 8, 1941 to John E. Halacy who died in Rumford on Dec. 3, 1993.

Survivors include sons, Richard Halacy and wife

Brenda of Milton Township, Robert Halacy and wife Barbara of Dixfield, and Elliott Halacy and wife Kathy of Auburn; six grandchildren, Trina Bellegarde and husband Charles of Mexico, Michael Halacy of Milton Township, John Halacy of Milton Township, Douglas Halacy and wife Theresa of Lewiston, Janice LeBlond of Auburn, and Jason Halacy and wife Heather of Auburn; eight great-grandchildren; Tawn MacDonald of Milton Township; and a special niece, Shirley Kimball and husband Richard of Waterford.

A special thanks to Stephens Memorial Hospital and Staff, Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center and Staff and to Beacon Hospice and Staff.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meadrandson.com.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, with the Rev. Linda Kimball officiating. Calling hours were that Friday at the funeral home. Interment in the spring will be conducted at the Abbotts Mills Cemetery, Rumford, Maine.

Those who desire may contribute to the Patient's Activity Fund, c/o Norway Rehabilitation & Living Center, 29 Marion Avenue, Norway, ME 04268 in her memory.

MELVIN AMOS AUSTIN

Melvin Amos Austin, 84, of South Paris passed away at the Maine Veterans' Home on Friday, March 11, 2011.

He was born in Union Springs, N.Y., Jan. 31, 1927, to George and Ethel Nickerson Austin.

He attended schools in New York, California, and Massachusetts. Mel married Geraldine Waterhouse on March 17, 1952. He spent time in the Pacific as a Merchant Marine during WWII, and served with the Army in Korea, building bridges.

He also spent time as a volunteer on missionary trips to Guatemala and Sweden.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Austin; a daughter, Patricia Murray; a son, Gary Austin; a brother, Howard Austin; a sister, Alethea Cochran; a stepdaughter, Joyce Gallentine; seven grandsons; and a great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by two brothers; two stepbrothers; and a stepdaughter.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

Services were held on Tuesday, March 15, at the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to ADRA "Adventist Disaster Relief Association" c/o Woodstock SDA Church Treasurer, 109 Koskela Road, Bryant Pond, ME 04219.



LORRAINE H. CHASE

Lorraine H. Chase, 80, of Danville, N.H., and formerly of Mexico, Maine, died March 12, 2011 in Danville, N.H., after a battle with pulmonary hypertension.

She was born in Mexico, Maine, on July 20, 1930, the daughter of Norman J. and Velda Hutchinson and graduated from Mexico schools.

Lorraine was dedicated to her family, loved to do crafts, solve puzzles and knit hats for cancer patients.

She is survived by her seven children, Richard Chase of Kingston, N.H., Barbara Chase of Sarasota, Fla., Stephen Chase of Danville, N.H., Jane Steyne of Virginia Beach, Va., Peter Chase, Kathleen Dennis and Robert Chase II all of Danville, N.H.; grandchildren, Carla Chase, Andrew Calhoun, Lauren Chase, Michael Dennis, Joanna Chase, Benjamin Calhoun and Joshua Dennis;

one great-grandson, Nicholas Rattellade; and one sister, Naomi Bremist of Norfolk, Mass.; and her brother, Carroll Hutchinson of West Peru, Maine. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 1 p.m. at Greenleaf Funeral Home, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel. Burial will be held in the spring at the family lot at Hanover Cemetery in Hanover. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Audubon at <http://support.audubon.org/>

Births

Keith and Patsy Cox of Gilthead are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Emma Alexandra Cox, born March 8, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Dona Taylor of Gilead and Carl Roberts and Sylvia McNally of Danville.

Paternal grandparents are Janet Griffiths of Milford, N.H., and the late Robert Cox.

Maternal great-grandparents are Bill and Mary Hester of Okanagan, Wash.

Emma joins sisters Megan and Nicole, age 6.

NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

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Also to Chris Weston of Oxford Hills Funeral Services, you were absolutely wonderful.

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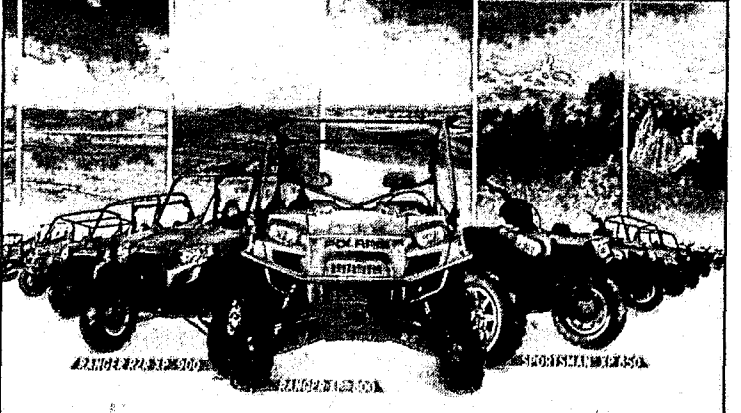
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